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TELEGRAMS.

Further Particulars of the Insurrection in Cuba.

Reported Engagements Between the Spanish Troops and the Rebels.

Another Insurrection Attempted at Barcelona, in Spain.

CUBA.

Gen. Lesca Pushing into the Interior—Engagements at Colonia de St. Domingo and Guanaja.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 27.

It is reported that the insurgents lingering in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba have again cut the aqueduct, causing much inconvenience to the citizens.

Official information has been received that Gen. LESCA, strongly reinforced, is pushing his way into the interior from La Guanaja. The insurgents were stationed in force on the road near Magarabomba. It was expected that the troops would soon attack them.

Gen. PUELLO has arrived at Cienfuegos with reinforcements. The troops there will be divided into three detachments. One under PUELLO will go to Santo Espiritu, one under LETONA to Villa Clara, and the remaining division, under PARS, will march to the Sierra Morena and Macagua.

An engagement took place between the Spanish troops and the insurgents at Coloma de St. Domingo, in the province of Sagua la Grande. Many were killed on both sides. The result of the battle is not known.

Reports from Cuban sources say that a fight occurred between the rebel forces under Gen. QUESADA and the army of Gen. LESCA on the road from Guanaja, and assert that the Government troops were routed.

The emigration of the Cubans is undiminished. Every steamer that leaves the port is crowded with passengers.

Additional supplies of troops are needed from Spain to occupy the whole island and drive out the insurgents. The troops now here can do no more than hold their own. Meantime the people in the country are suffering all kinds of privation and distress, and their complaints are heartrending. Thousands are leaving their homes and seeking refuge in the cities.

The steamer *Cuba* sailed to-day for Baltimore.

HAVANA, Sunday, Feb. 28.

Rumors are circulating in the city to-day that expeditions from the American shore to aid the insurrection have landed near Remedios and Guadrillas.

Fifteen hundred soldiers left to-day for the Central Department.

Some of the Cubans declare their belief that as soon as Gen. GRANT is inaugurated President he will recognize the belligerent rights of the revolutionary Government in Cuba.

Cuban accounts contradict Government dispatches announcing that Gen. LESCA is making a triumphant advance from La Guanaja.

Mr. HALL, the efficient Consul of the United States at Matanzas, will assume the functions of Consul-General at Havana.

The steamer *Montezuma* has arrived here, bringing the crew of the American schooner *Nellie True*, of Portland, Me., lost on Puerta Mulas.

Speculators in sugar show a disposition to withdraw from the market; they fear a reaction in consequence of the indications yesterday of a heavy decline.

SPAIN.

A New Minister to the United States—Attempted Insurrection in Barcelona.

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 28.

A report is current that the present Spanish Minister to England has received instructions from Madrid to proceed to Washington to settle any difficulty which may arise in consequence of the Cuban insurrection.

MADRID, Sunday, Feb. 28.

An insurrection was attempted last week in Barcelona, but it was quickly suppressed. About forty persons connected with the conspiracy have been arrested. The City is now perfectly tranquil.

FRANCE.

The Death of M. Troplong, President of the Senate.

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 28.

M. RAYMOND—THEODORE TROPLONG, President of the Senate, died yesterday, aged 69 years.

MEXICO.

The National Reorganized in Sinaloa—Gen. Vega Appointed Governor of Lower California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 28.

Late advices from Mexico have been received here.

The report is untrue that Gen. CANTO made his escape while being conveyed to Durango to stand trial for the murder of Gen. PATONI. He arrived at Durango on the 8th of January, and was delivered up to the tribunal which will decide his case.

The object of Gen. NEGRETE's pronunciamiento at Puebla was to capture a conducta with three millions of dollars in gold which had set out from the City of Mexico for Vera Cruz. The movement had no political purpose whatever. Gen. NEGRETE had five hundred men with him, but they fled, together with their leader, on the approach of the Government troops sent against them.

The Mexican Government has declared null and void the contract made with the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship Company, on the ground that the latter have not complied with the stipulated conditions.

The Mexican frigate *Juarez* still lies sunk in the Bay of Pichilingo, and all efforts to raise her will probably be abandoned.

The National Guard has been effectively organized throughout the State of Sinaloa, and is doing excellent service against the Apache Indians on the borders of Chihuahua and Sonora.

Gen. VEGA has been appointed Governor of Lower California.

Rich gold diggings have been discovered near Cape Todos Santos, in the northern section of Lower California.

Gen. GUTIERREZ, who has for some time past been at the head of a band of robbers and kidnappers in the State of Durango, has at last been captured and delivered over to the authorities. He attempted to make his escape by bribing his guard, offering them $64,000, but without effect.

Arrival of the Steamship Alaska—$104,000 in Specie.

The steamship *Alaska*, which left Aspinwall Feb. 23, reached this port yesterday, with the specie indicated in the subjoined

TREASURE LIST.

Eugene Kelly & Co.	$50,000 Wells, Fargo & Co. $4,000
Total	$104,000

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 28.—Yesterday, ALBERT CLARK, a workman in the planing mill of BUTMAN & FERNIO, was caught by his clothing in a belt of the machinery, and received injuries from which he died four hours afterward. His left arm was torn from his socket, and his right leg dislocated.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 28.—ROSENBAUM & Co.'s store and petroleum oil establishment, on Main-street, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss $15,000, which was fully covered by insurance in Eastern companies.

LEE, Mass., Feb. 28.—The paper-mill in Lyrington, leased and occupied by Messrs. WATKINS, CASSIDY & BROTHER, took fire at 12 o'clock Saturday night, and burned to the ground. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss $50,000; insured for $12,000.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 28.—The Court-house of Buckingham County was destroyed by fire on Friday. All the papers and records were lost.

WASHINGTON.

More Speculations Regarding Gen. Grant's Cabinet—Who is the Member from Pennsylvania—The Public Credit Bill—The Inauguration Ceremonies.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 28.

The hotels to-day have been full of the current of rumor and gossip concerning Cabinet matters, the chief topic being Gen. GRANT's latest determination not to even notify the persons of his selection until he sends their names to the Senate, which he will do on Friday next, and which he could do to-morrow, so far as his readiness is concerned. He has said within a day or two that his recent experience has more than ever convinced him of the propriety of the course he has hitherto pursued respecting his Cabinet selections, and a great many people who have been disposed to find fault with his reticence now heartily approve it. One strong reason why Gen. GRANT should be left perfectly free to choose his own advisers, on his own responsibility, lies in the fact that he intends to change, in a great measure, the present manner of making appointments. He will, except upon his own invitation, decline to receive or listen to applications for office, but will refer all cases to the proper heads of departments for investigation, and will hold them responsible for their recommendations. This will relieve the Presidential office of a great deal of annoyance and much useless occupation of the President's time.

Some further perturbation was caused among the Pennsylvanians to-day by the announcement that Hon. M. MCKENNAN, of Pennsylvania, arrived last evening and was received at the depot in Gen. GRANT's carriage and conveyed to his house. This was unfortunate as well as untrue. Mr. MCKENNAN is an able lawyer of Western Pennsylvania, and has been mentioned by some as Gen. GRANT's probable choice from that State, but he came to Washington on this occasion of his own motion, and did not ride in GRANT's carriage, nor go to his house, but went to the residence of his representative, Hon. GEO. V. LAWRENCE. This afternoon he visited Gen. GRANT, in company with his son-in-law, Col. SMITH, who is a relative of Mrs. GRANT, but of Cabinet matters he knows nothing whatever. It is proper to say, however, that some people look upon the choice as very probable. He is esteemed the ablest lawyer in that part of the State, is about fifty years of age, a man of great integrity of character, who has always declined office, no matter what the temptation. He is a warm personal friend of Gen. GRANT, and is entirely free from connection with any of the factions of the dominant party in that State. His father—Hon. THOS. M. T. MCKENNAN—was ten years in Congress, from 1831 to 1839, and 1841 to 1843, and was highly esteemed by HENRY CLAY, whose intimate associate he was, and who frequently stopped at Mr. MCKENNAN's house when he traveled the Cumberland road back and forth from Washington. The appointment, if made, would please all parties in Pennsylvania; and these particulars are given to show that it is not impossible, though the gentleman himself has no idea of it.

THE PUBLIC CREDIT BILL.

The Senate passed the Public Credit bill at 11:35 last night, after a very able debate, in which the Democrats got warmed up by the taunts of FESSENDEN, which were as sharp as his trascible nature could make them. The bill passed in the strong form in which it was reported from the Senate Finance Committee, the proviso about specie payments in the first section being stricken out. The only amendment made after the bill got into the Senate was an immaterial one at the close of the second section. It will come to the House to-morrow morning for concurrence. As it lacked three of having a two-thirds vote on its original passage, it may not be possible to get a suspension of the rules, which requires two-thirds at once; but it will certainly be reached in a day or two in regular order, when business on the Speaker's table is taken up. Although the proviso in the first section was originally inserted to strengthen it in the House, yet it passed by such a strong vote that no doubt is now entertained of the concurrence of the House in the Senate's amendments.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Senators NYE and STEWART, Representative D. R. ASHLEY and Hon. THOMAS FITCH, member elect, constituting the delegation in Congress from Nevada, have telegraphed the Constitutional Suffrage Amendment to the Nevada Legislature, and hope to have it ratified before the adjournment of that body, which adjourns on the 26 of March.

THE LAST CABINET MEETING.

The last Cabinet meeting of the present Administration will be held on Tuesday next, when the extent, if any, to which the present Cabinet will participate in the inaugural ceremonies will be decided. It is already understood that Secretaries SEWARD, MCCULLOCH, WELLES, BROWNING and Postmaster-General RANDALL will tender their resignations to President JOHNSON, to take effect with the close of his Administration. Secretary SEWARD will leave at once for Auburn. Mr. FREDERICK SEWARD, Assistant Secretary of State, will remain a short time to settle up family affairs, and to turn over the Department to the incoming Secretary. For Mr. SEWARD this closes a continuous residence of twenty years in Washington—twelve as Senator, and eight as Cabinet officer.

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SENATE COMMITTEES.

The Senate Committees will have to be reconstructed after the admission of fifteen new Senators on the 4th of March. Of the retiring Senators, three are Chairmen of important committees, viz.: VAN WINKLE on Pensions, CONNESS on Mines and MORGAN on the Library. It will also be necessary to elect a new President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

MR. WASHBURNE'S HEALTH.

Hon. E. B. WASHBURNE has so far recovered his health that he will go to the House of Representatives to-morrow for a short time.

MILITARY RECONSTRUCTION ORDER.

President GRANT will issue on the 6th of March a military reconstruction order, relieving Gen. BUCHANAN from the command of the Department of Louisiana, and placing Major-Gen. SHERIDAN in command; also relieving Gen. CANBY in the Department of Texas, and sending Gen. REYNOLDS back to the command from which he has so recently been relieved, but it has not yet transpired who will succeed him. The order will probably also include Gen. SICKLES for the Department of the South, now vacant by the absence of Gen. MEADE. The country will thus see that the very first act of Gen. GRANT is to put matters in the South on a basis which will insure safety for loyal men and the execution of the laws.

Dispatches to the *Associated Press.*

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 28.

THE INAUGURATION.

Every railroad train brings large additions to the thousands of strangers already here to witness the inauguration. The hotels are full of guests, and their proprietors are resting all available premises in the city in their respective localities, in order to accommodate all applicants. The private boarding-houses are also crowded. Some parties have engaged quarters in Alexandria and Georgetown. From all accounts there will be at least twice as many visitors here as on any previous inauguration occasion. The struggle for precedence in the line of procession and the rival claims for consideration rendered the duties of the Committee in charge very difficult, and even now it is not certain that they may not be forced to make some alterations of the following order of procession: Fifth United States Cavalry, right; carriages for the President and Cabinet, left; carriages for the President elect and his Staff; United States Artillery; the Twelfth United States Infantry with its band; the Forty-fourth United States Infantry, with its band; the Marine Corps, with the Marine Band; volunteer military organizations from various parts of the country; the Washington Greys, of Philadelphia; the National Guard, of Philadelphia; the Burgess Corps, of Albany, N. Y.; the Fifth Regiment of the National Guard of Maryland; the Baxter Fire Zouaves of Philadelphia; the Supreme Court of the United States; the District Courts; the various diplomatic corps, ex-members of Congress and members elect, the municipal authorities of the Cities of Washington and Georgetown. The fire companies have not yet been assigned their places, but they will form a prominent feature in the procession.

A great number of companies from abroad will be present accompanying the local ones, to whom they have come as visitors. The reception and ball, on the evening of the 4th of March, promises to be more than ordinarily brilliant.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, Representative CLARKE, of Kansas, telegraphed the presiding officers of the two branches of the Legislature of that State that the Constitutional Amendment had passed Congress. At 3 o'clock in the evening of the same day he received the following dispatch:

TOPEKA, Feb. 27.

Hon. Sidney Clarke, M. C.:

The Constitutional Amendment was ratified by the Legislature to-day. The vote in the Senate was unanimous. In the House the vote stood 64 to 7.

(Signed) S. A. ADAMS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
C. V. ARRIDGE,
President of the Senate.

THE FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Mr. MCPHERSON, Clerk of the House of Representatives, has not yet completed the roll of members for the Forty-first Congress. Many of the credentials have not yet been received. The law requires the Clerk to place on the roll the names of all persons claiming seats as Representatives elect from States which were represented in the next preceding Congress, and of such persons only, and whose credentials show that they were regularly elected in accordance with the laws of their States respectively, or the laws of the United States.

THE HOUSE CONTINGENT FUND.

The Committee on Accounts, appointed to investigate the disbursement of the Contingent Fund of the House, said in a preliminary report last session, that evils existed in its disbursement which ought to be corrected, and now add that it is a great mistake to suppose that unnecessary expenses of the House are as numerous as some of the newspapers of the day represent them to be; neither is it true that any clear instance of fraud, involving large sums of money, can be traced to the door of any member of Congress or officer of the body. The evils consist of a multiplicity of petty assaults upon the Contingent Fund, amounting in the aggregate to a considerable sum, but by no means such as to satisfy the morbid taste for frauds which has been so industriously cultivated of late in the public mind. All demand upon the public moneys connected with the business of the House and not fixed by law are paid out of the Contingent Fund, and must be sanctioned by the Committee on Accounts. During the present Congress more than 4,200 matters, amounting in the aggregate to over $900,000, have been examined and passed upon by the Committee. The extremes are found in the highest contingent expenses in 1868, at $631,620, and the lowest in 1863, at over $198,141. The Committee say during the recent campaign one of the political parties obtained assistance from the employes of the House in the distribution of documents, as the other did from the Executive Department, and both parties had their documents folded at the House folding-room at the expense of the Contingent Fund. The mischief was complained of by the Committee, but as it had the sanction of long precedent, all the Committee could do was to limit the labor, so diverted, as far as possible, to the surplus necessary to be retained during the recess; but their success in even this was by no means gratifying. Political organizations are strong, and the Committee themselves could not but be influenced by their desire to see their own respective political views disseminated.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Dedication of the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington—Description of the Edifice—Interesting Ceremonies.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 28.

The dedicatory services at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church in this city to-day were of the most interesting character, and it has created more excitement in the religious community of Washington than anything that has occurred here for years. The services were announced to commence at 10½ o'clock, but as early as 9 o'clock there was assembled about the doors a crowd large enough to fill the body of the church even at that hour. Five minutes after the doors were opened every accessible spot upon the floor and in the galleries was occupied, except, perhaps, one-third of the seats near the pulpit, which had been reserved for members of Congress, ministers of the Gospel, and others.

Gen. GRANT and Mrs. GRANT, accompanied by their family and Mrs. GRANT's father, arrived just as Bishop SIMPSON commenced his sermon. Gen. GRANT's arrival created a momentary sensation, and persons in the galleries created a slight confusion in their efforts to see him, but the confusion was only temporary. Speaker COLFAX and Mrs. COLFAX had previously arrived, as had also Chief Justice CHASE, accompanied by Senator and Mrs. SPRAGUE. Among other distinguished gentlemen present were Senators CRAGIN, TRUMBULL, COLE, DOOLITTLE, PATTERSON of New-Hampshire, HENDRICKS, WILSON, and others; Representatives DAWES, JUDD, CHURCHILL, HUMPHREY, WASHBURN of Massachusetts, CORNELL, FIELDS, COLE, and many others. All these gentlemen were accompanied by ladies of their households.

The services were commenced at 10:20 o'clock by Bishop SIMPSON, who read a selection from the discipline appropriate to the occasion. The choir, which was composed of the best amateur performers in the city, selected from the choirs of all the churches, then sang the hymn commencing, "Before Jehova's awful throne," &c., to the familiar tune of "Old Hundred," the vast audience joining in the hymn. The venerable Dr. HAMILTON then offered a fervent prayer. Rev. Dr. KINNEY and Rev. ALFRED COOKMAN followed respectively in reading selections from the Scriptures. An anthem followed, after which Rev. Bishop SIMPSON delivered an eloquent and argumentative discourse.

At the close of the sermon, Rev. Dr. DENNAS read the statement of the financial condition of the Church, showing that there is still a debt of $65,000, exclusive of the sum of $25,000 already subscribed. He added that he hoped that $25,000 would be raised in the meetings to-day. Quite a handsome sum was realized by a basket collection in the church, and besides, subscriptions of various sums were made. Among others who subscribed were Mr. OLIVER HOYT, of Connecticut, and Hon. THOMAS CORNELL, of New-York, who gave $1,000 each. A Mr. ARCHER, of New-York, gave $800; Speaker COLFAX, Hon. JACOB BENTON, of New-Hampshire, Mr. HYDE, of New-York, and a number of other gentlemen gave $100 each. The sum of $10,000 was realized by these collections and subscriptions. The morning exercises closed with the dedicatory services as prescribed by the book of discipline.

It is estimated that there were at least 2,000 persons in and about the church edifice. Hundreds were unable to obtain admittance, and after vain efforts to get even inside the doorway, they were compelled to return to their homes. The afternoon service was also well attended, and by an audience as distinguished as that which so attentively listened to Bishop SIMPSON in the morning. The preacher, in the afternoon, was the distinguished English divine, Rev. W. MORLEY PUNSHON, who preached extempore from the fifth verse of the second chapter of the First Epistle of Peter. Mr. PUNSHON's sermon was pronounced by all one of the most eloquent discourses ever listened to. At the conclusion of the sermon, subscriptions were again received, and about $2,500 was added to the amount received in the morning. Senator CATTELL contributed $500 and Senator HARLAN $100, and a number of smaller subscriptions were received.

This evening Rev. Dr. EDDY, of Chicago, preached to another immense congregation, and at the close of his sermon other subscriptions were received, which swelled the sum almost to the amount required.

The design of the structure is pure Gothic. It is built of brown stone, rough hewed, and the following are its dimensions: The building fronts seventy-five feet on C-street and 115 feet on Four-and-a-Half-street. It is about fifty feet in height. At the northeast corner of the structure is to be constructed a tower and spire, the utmost point of which will be 240 feet from the pavement. The main front of the church is from C-street, there being three large entrance ways, approached by brown-stone steps. The passageway of the lower vestibule is laid with encaustic tile. From the lower vestibule, four easy stairways, with walnut handrail and balustrade, rise to the upper or main floor by which the spacious audience-room is reached, by four heavily carved and ornamented doorways. The main audience-room, 85 feet deep by 75 feet wide, is by far the handsomest and most elaborate of the many fine churches in this city. The ceiling is about 90 feet high, the Gothic style of architecture being faithfully observed. Six heavy columns rise on either side, affording a support to galleries 12 feet 3 inches in width, extending around three sides of the room. These columns are heavily capped, and over these caps are arranged gas jets, sixteen to each cap, which at night brilliantly illuminate the room. The woodwork around the galleries is of black walnut, paneled with ash. All of the woodwork of this description has been oiled without being varnished. The pews in the galleries are thirty-six in number, eighteen on each side. The back and ends are of black walnut, with the seats heavily upholstered. On the main floor the pews, one hundred and thirty-eight in number, are slightly curved and finished in the same manner as those in the gallery. There is about three feet space between each pew, thus affording ample room for persons to pass those already seated. Each pew is furnished with a rack for hymn books and Bibles. The aisles are about five feet in width. The floor is handsomely carpeted with Brussels, of neat design and durable colors. At the south end of the room the pulpit has been located in an alcove. The wall in the rear of the pulpit is beautifully frescoed, and on either side is a panel, on one of which is inscribed the Ten Commandments, and upon the other the Lord's Prayer. The keystone of the arch above the pulpit is made of the stone from which Solomon's temple was erected, and bears upon its face the inscription, in Hebrew characters, "Jehovah Kireh." The front of the pulpit is of black walnut, and the design is chaste and beautiful. The panels are of olive wood from the garden of Gethsemane. On the front is a magnificently carved cross with the letters "I. H. S," crowned with a wreath of twining ivy, all in walnut. This handsome decoration was executed in Boston, and was presented to the church by friends in that city. The caps of the posts on either side of the pulpit are of olive-wood from the Mount of Olives. Between the front of the pulpit and the altar rail there is a vacant space of about four feet. The altar rail is two feet in height, of heavy black walnut, paneled with olive-wood. The whole appearance of the pulpit and altar is grand and imposing. The designs for the plaster ornaments with which the ceiling, walls and columns are decorated, are new and beautiful.

At the north end of the room is the gallery to be occupied by the choir, which will be under the direction of Prof. JOSEPH H. DANIEL. In this gallery a magnificent organ, the gift of CARLOS PIERCE, Esq., of Boston, has been erected by the maker, WM. A. JOHNSON, of Westfield, Mass. This beautiful instrument is twenty feet wide, twenty feet high, and thirteen feet deep. The woodwork of the front of the organ is of black walnut, carved in the Gothic style of architecture, corresponding with the edifice. It is what is known by organ builders as an "open front," the pipes being exposed. These pipes are beautifully painted in gold and colors, presenting an elegant appearance. Above the fancy work of the organ "a sunburst" is painted, forming a very handsome and appropriate finish to the front of the instrument. In the centre of the organ is placed a silver plate, on which is the following inscription: "Presented to the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, by CARLOS PIERCE, of Boston, Mass."

A feature in the construction of the edifice was the idea suggested of making the windows of the church memorial tablets, commemorative of men and incidents prominent in the history of the Methodist Church. This idea has been carried out, and the magnificent stained-glass windows, as prepared by H. P. BLOOM, of Brooklyn, N. Y., elicit high encomiums. Each window has a design, motto and inscription. No. 1 has for its design the death of WESLEY, with the motto, "Our people die well," and is inscribed to the memory of the deceased Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. No. 2, the old Strawbridge Church of Baltimore; motto, "What hath God wrought," and inscribed to the memory of Rev. ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE and THOMAS ANDERSON. No. 3 has for its design a representation of the old John-street Church, New-York, as it appeared in 1768. The motto is "The Lord hath done good things." The inspiration is dedicated to the memory of STEPHEN OLIN, D. D., NATHAN BANGS, D. D., JAMES FLAG, D. D., and JOHN KENNEDY, D. D., by the New-York East Conference. No. 4, design, the Old Elm of Boston; motto, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," and is inscribed to the memory of Rev. JESSE LEE, the apostle of Methodism in New-England. No. 5, design, Paul at Athens; motto, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," inscribed to the memory of Rev. SAMUEL M. DICKSON and Rev. JOHN SUMMERFIELD, A. M. No. 6, design, Mary at the tomb of Christ; motto, "I am the resurrection and the life;" the inscription is: "The grateful offering of an only son to the memory of his sainted parents, EDWARD and ELIZA PEVNER, and his sister, MARY E. PEVNER, of New-York." Window No. 7 has for its design a representation of an itinerant minister on horseback, with the motto, "The world is my parish." The inscription is in memory of Rev. JOHN STRANGE, pioneer Methodist preacher in Indiana, and Rev. WILLIAM H. RAYNER, D. D., a member of the Cincinnati Conference. The design of window No. 8 is a Bible and crown with stars; the motto, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." The inscription is: "To the memory of Rev. RUSSELL BIGELOW, Rev. JOHN COLLINS and Rev. JACOB YOUNG, of the Ohio Conference." Window No. 9—design, Ethiopia stretching out her hands; the motto is, "Our fallen missionaries—go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The inscription is: "In memory of FRANCIS J. WILEY, ANNA M. WENTWORTH and MARILLA P. FRENCH, Female Missionaries who gave their lives to the cause." Window No. 10, has for its design, Moses and the burning bush, with the motto: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." The inscription is "In memoriam MARK STEVENSON, M. D., died Aug. 30, 1863, aged 63 years, an eminent physician, and founder of the first German Sunday School in New-York." Window No. 11 has for its design a cross, crown and scales, with the motto, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." The inscription is: "In memoriam, Hon. JOHN MCLEAN, LL.D., thirty-one years one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, died April 4, 1861. Hon. MOSES F. ODELL, for four years a member of Congress and twenty-one years Superintendent of Sand-street Sunday School, Brooklyn, N. Y., died June 13, 1866, aged 48 years." Window No. 12 has for its design a picture of the Good Samaritan, with the motto, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," Job xix., 25. "In memoriam, RALPH MEAD, Esq., of New-York, departed this life July 19, 1866, aged 77 years. All is well. Servant of God, well done." Window No. 13 has for its design a picture of a ship in a storm. The inscription is: "Dedicated to the memory of Rev. GEORGE COOKMAN: lost on board the steamer *President*, 1841, Chaplain of the United States Congress." Window No. 14 has for its design "The Star in the East." The motto is: "They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them." The inscription is: "WILBUR FISK, D. D., JOHN DEMPSTER, D. D., founders of Methodist Theological Schools in America." Window No. 15 has for its design, "Faith Perennified," with the motto, "Let me die the death of the Righteous." The inscription is,: "Rev. CHAS. SHERMAN, of the Troy Conference." Window No. 16 has for its design a scroll, pen and sheaf of wheat. The inscription is: "THEODORE MILLS, sculptor." The Sabbath School or lecture-rooms are upon the ground floor, the windows of which are decorated in a similar manner. No. 1 is inscribed as the gift of SARAH A. HANDAY, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has for its design a picture of Christ as the shepherd, with the motto, "Feed my Lambs." The three others have for designs Abraham leading Isaac to the sacrifice, the announcement of the birth of Christ to the shepherds, and Christ blessing little children, with appropriate mottoes. As this is a national church, there has been set apart one pew for each State and Territory in the Union, and one for the President and his Cabinet officers.

THE KUKLUX.

Report of Lieut.-Col. Rose Regarding the Kuklux Outrages in Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 28, 1869.

The Secretary of War has submitted to the House of Representatives, in compliance with the request of the Committee on Reconstruction, the accompanying copy of the report of Brevet Lieut.-Col. ROSE, United States Army, upon certain outrages committed in southwestern Virginia, together with a copy of the instructions of the commander of the First Military District to that officer.

HEADQUARTERS POST OF MARION,
VIRGINIA, Jan. 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to report that, in compliance with special orders No. 78, dated Dec. 28, 1868, from headquarters sub-district of Lynchburg, Va., I proceeded to Lee County, Virginia, Jan. 6, 1869.

I first visited the colored woman at Cain Creek, who was shot near Jonesville, Lee County, Va. From her I learned that on Dec. 25, 1868, the colored people had a ball near Jonesville, Va., when a party of white men styling themselves Kuklux came into the house where the colored people were holding their ball, and immediately fired three revolvers among them. One of the white men, named WALLACE WOODWARD, placed his pistol close to this colored woman and shot her through the body, inflicting a dangerous, and possibly a mortal wound. A warrant was issued for the arrest of WOODWARD by the civil authorities, but he still at large.

I then proceeded to Mrs. CAINE's, on Powell's River, where I stopped to dine. Mrs. CAINE is a rebel lady, but from her I learned that families of colored people had been passing her house for several days, fleeing from Turkey Cove, going into Kentucky for safety. One family, named GEORGE, who had been on her plantation all his life, was packed up to leave as soon as the gang of Kuklux should come along.

I then proceeded to Turkey Cove, where I arrived late at night, and stopped at the house of Mr. JONATHAN RICHMOND, expecting to stay there for the night. I was refused, because, they said, Mr. RICHMOND was very sick.

Upon inquiring of the people who came out of the house if there was not some trouble in the part of the country, a fellow by the name of DAN MCCULLY, a refugee from Tennessee, who was stopping at Mr. RICHMOND's, answered no; that there had been some rows about an old nigger strumpet, that was all; but as I started off I was followed by a son of Mr. RICHMOND, who told me that there had been a party in the country, who had been some rows about an old nigger strumpet, that was all; but as I started off I was followed by a son of Mr. RICHMOND, who told me that there had not all, for the country was in perfect anarchy; that about two months ago a secret organization styled Kuklux had been started up at the seminary, and that the members thereof had commenced driving off all the negroes. His father, he said, had tried to protect his negroes, when the Kuklux turned on him, drove off his tenants, white and black, and threatened his and his son's life.

I then proceeded further up the Cove and tried at several places to get lodgings, but was refused, until I finally reined up, long after dark, at the house of Capt. PHIL. BLEMP, an ex-rebel officer, where I was received with great hospitality.

In conversation with Mr. BLEMP at supper he corroborated the statement of young RICHMOND, and said that he himself was under the ban of the Kuklux for the same cause that Mr. RICHMOND was; he also said that he expected an attack nightly, as they had already fired into the houses of several citizens and beaten several others unmercifully, &c.

The next day I summoned all the magistrates in Turkey Cove together and inquired of them about the condition of affairs. They fully corroborated the statements of young RICHMOND and Mr. BLEMP, but stated, as also did Mr. BLEMP, that all the good citizens of the Cove were opposed to the course pursued by the Kuklux.

I asked the magistrates what they had done to prevent this state of affairs. They answered that they had done nothing, because they did not know who the parties were who had committed these lawless acts, as they did everything after night. I asked them why they did not find out who committed these lawless deeds. They replied that gentlemen said they were afraid to make a move for fear of their lives, and seemed astonished that I should ask such a question. I asked them why they did not summon their neighbors to assist them; they said they did not know whom to rely on, because so many belonged to the Kuklux. I then tried each one separately if he did not know of a single man on whom to rely. After much hesitation on their part, and much importuning on mine, they answered in the affirmative. I again asked each of them if he did not know of two men on whom to rely, which each in like manner answered in the affirmative. I again asked each of them if he did not know of three men beside himself on whom to rely, and receiving an affirmative answer, ordered each to name them, and then called their attention to the fact that that was twenty-eight men, which was enough to do the whole work required. I also issued the order that they should summon those men and forest out and arrest all persons who had been guilty of shooting and beating negroes and firing into the houses of citizens, and confine them in the Lee County Jail to await the action of the Military Commissioner. Also to arrest all persons, except travelers, found carrying guns, pistols, and weapons of any kind, and confine them in the Lee County Jail to await the action of the Military Commissioner.

I then proceeded to different parts of Turkey Cove and had communication, or rather conversation, with several persons whom I suspected as having been engaged in these lawless proceedings. I was convinced in most cases that my suspicions were correct, as the gentlemen took to the bush as soon as they could.

The negroes had fled, so I could not communicate with them; but I am convinced that they have been most inhumanly dealt with. They have been civil and industrious, and had collected plenty of provisions for the Winter. They have been driven shelterless, many of them from their life-long homes, in the midst of the most inclement season, for no other purpose than that their hard earnings might fall into the hands of white wretches who are too lazy to work.

After spending two days in that delectable country, I returned back to my station.

In addition to my order to the Magistrates, I have ordered the Sheriff of Lee County, Va., to summon a posse and arrest Robert Anderson, Bill Anderson, Frank Riddle, Floyd Riddle, Yancey Maynard, Jonathan Ward, A. J. Estep and Wallace Woodward, and confine them in the Lee County Jail to await the action of the Military Commissioner.

In the event that those Magistrates and the Sheriff fail to do their duty, I would respectfully request that I be allowed, in the course of a few days, to take a squad of men and go to a point on the railroad that I shall select, and there mount my entire squad and proceed to Turkey Cove, which is about sixty miles from any railroad, and hunt those desperadoes down.

It would be perfectly useless to send troops on foot into that country after those scoundrels, unless it would be to station them up there, and that, at this season of the year, is impracticable.

I have little faith in the Sheriff and the Magistrates doing their duty, or that they will be much assisted by the citizens, because they all seem to me to be a set of pettycoats, Kakluxes and all; yet in this I may be mistaken; and if they follow my instructions, there will be no need of sending any troops into that place.

I have probably made this report more prolix than necessary, yet the Major-General can form no idea of the condition of affairs in that county unless some particulars are mentioned, and not even then without visiting it.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
T. E. ROSE,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain Eleventh United States Infantry, Commanding Post.

Lieut. S. R. WHITALL, A. A. A. G., Sub-District of Lynchburg, Va.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT,
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 12, 1869.

Official copy.
R. W. STONE,
First Lieutenant Twenty-first United States Infantry, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. A., A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT,
STATE OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, Va.,
Jan. 20, 1869.

SIR: Adverting to your report of the 13th inst. in reference to outrages on the colored people in Lee County, Va., I am directed by the Commanding-General to instruct you to inform the authorities of Lee County that if they do not arrest the authors of the outrages reported by you, and not prevent the occurrence of such outrages in future, he will send a detachment of mounted men into that region, to be subsisted and foraged at the expense of the citizens, until good order is reestablished and security to person and property is again afforded by the civil authorities.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. F. CHALFIN, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel THOS. E. ROSE, U. S. A., Captain Eleventh U. S. Infantry, Military Commissioner Thirtieth Division of Virginia, Marion, Va., through Headquarters, Sub-district of Lynchburg, Va.

S. F. CHALFIN, Assistant Adjutant-General.

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The Bill Introduced in the Assembly to Create the New-York Steam Railroad Commissioners.

The following is the bill relative to steam railroads in New-York City, introduced in the Assembly last week by Mr. DAVIS:

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a railroad or railroads in the City and County of New-York, to be operated by steam or other motive power, for the benefit of the State and City of New-York, and to raise the necessary means for the construction of the same.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Hamilton Fish, Marshall O. Roberts, Samuel J. Tilden, Edwin D. Morgan, Samuel Sloane, Alexander S. Diven, Jesse H. Grinnell, the Mayor of the City of New-York ex-officio, the President of the Croton Aqueduct Board ex-officio, and the State Engineer ex-officio, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners, to be known as the "New-York Steam Railroad Commissioners," for the purpose of constructing and operating a steam railroad in the City and County of New-York, with the right to use a common seal, and under their said corporate name to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and to hold and own real and personal estate for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned. And they are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, rights and franchises, not inconsistent with the terms of this act, which are conferred upon railroad corporations by the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations and to regulate the same," passed April 2, 1850, and the several acts amendatory of and supplemental to the same.

SEC. 2. The said Commissioners, except the said Mayor and State Engineer, shall be divided by lot into four classes of two each, who shall respectively hold their offices two, three, four and five years, from the 1st day of July next, and until their successors are chosen by the Legislature on joint ballot, and each Commissioner so chosen in the place of any Commissioner whose term of office expires shall hold office for five years. All vacancies shall be filled by the Legislature on joint ballot. Each Commissioner shall, before entering upon his office, qualify by taking an oath to faithfully discharge the duties thereof. They shall have power to employ engineers, surveyors, and such other persons as in their opinion may be necessary to enable them to perform their duties under this act, and may also elect out of their number to be the President of the Board, who shall be the principal executive officer, and shall receive such salary as they shall determine. They shall also have power to make by-laws for the government or regulation of the Board, and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting of the Board, or at any special meeting of which all have notice, as may be provided in the by-laws.

SEC. 3. The said Commissioners shall, as soon as practicable after their organization, adopt such plan as in their opinion shall be most advantageous for a railroad or railroads to be operated by steam across the City of New-York, and through the City and County of New-York, and not upon the same grade with the streets through. They shall, in determining the location of such road or roads, endeavor to place the same where they will afford the greatest accommodation to the public, and, if in their judgment more than one respective road on a northerly or southerly line may be necessary for the accommodation of the public in any part of said City of New-York, they

TENNESSEE.

Facts and Figures Concerning the Climate, Soil and Productions of East Tennessee—The Growing Demand for Such News by Immigrants—The Knoxville Industrial Association.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KNOXVILLE, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1869.

I wrote you a letter last week giving an account of a talk with Gen. WILDER, of Bumpe County, upon the iron, coal and marble of East Tennessee. On last Friday evening, Hon. O. P. TEMPLE, of this city, delivered an address before our Industrial Association, which contained many facts of great general interest kindred to those given in my last letter. I propose giving some of them for the information of those who are now looking to this part of the South with a view of making it their future home.

The geographical situation of our State is well known. It seems to me to possess the most wonderful natural advantages, and I have long wondered why its climate and great resources have not long since peopled it with a wealthier, more enterprising and more numerous population. Very much has been written and spoken concerning these resources, but there is still much to learn. Let the facts and figures I am about to give speak for us.

First, as to our climate. East Tennessee is begirt by high mountains. Some of them rise to the height of six thousand feet. The Valley of East Tennessee is about one thousand feet above the level of the sea; is about fifty miles wide and two hundred and fifty long. It is watered by clear, swift, rolling streams that are fed from the crystal springs of the mountains, and which furnish water power not equaled by New-England herself. The streams join and make the Holston, Clinch, French Broad, Emory and Tennessee Rivers. There are no stagnant bodies of water within our borders, hence we are free from malaria and noxious exhalations of every kind, and chills and fever are unknown to our people. Our Summers are moderate, and greatly tempered by the cool breezes from the mountains. Our Winters are mild and short. Snow seldom falls to any depth, and ice very rarely exceeds three inches in thickness. There are but few days in the Winter when it is that thick. No process of acclimation is necessary, and the immigrant can safely come any month in the year. The following meteorological tables are from the records of the East Tennessee University. I give the month of January, 1868, which was rather a cold month:

Mean temperature at 7 A. M.	35° 48
Mean temperature at 2 P. M.	37° 36
Mean temperature at 9 P. M.	35° 19
Mean temperature for the month	35° 67
Warmest day, mean temperature for 24 hours	52° 16
Coldest day, mean temperature for 24 hours	20° 16
Highest barometer height, reduced to freezing	30.400 inches.
Lowest barometer height, reduced to freezing	28.060 inches.

The extreme temperatures during the year 1868 were 14° and 92°, giving a range of 78°. The range in Ohio is about 105°, in Missouri 100°, in Florida 75°. Mean temperature for the year about 60°. It is a rare thing for the mercury to go below 14°, or to rise above 92°. From 30° to 35° may be assumed as the mean of Winter, and 65° to 70° the mean of Summer.

The nights in the warmest and driest Summers are always cool and pleasant. It is the experience of most Northern people who come to this part of the South that they do not suffer from the heat as much here as they did in the North. During the month of January last there were fifteen days that were fit for plowing and other out-door work. East Tennessee, as might be judged from these figures, is a very healthy country.

It appears from the census returns of 1860 that the per cent. of deaths in this section of the State was 1.08 in 1850 and 0.96 in 1860. The per cent. in the section including Ohio, Indiana and Illinois for the year 1860 was 1.29, and, in 1850, 1.19. The per cent. in Maine, New-Hampshire and Vermont for 1860 was 1.24, for 1850 was 1.24. The per cent. in the whole United States for 1860 was 1.37, for 1850 was 1.41. The deaths from consumption in Massachusetts for the year ending May 31, 1860, were 4,845, in a population of 1,231,066. The deaths for the same year from the same cause in Tennessee were 1,440 in a population of 1,109,801. From these figures it will be seen we are in the healthiest region in the United States. This seems to be generally understood, for there is scarcely a day passes but that some afflicted person comes here under the advice of his physicians, in search of health. So much for our climate.

As to the soil and products of our soil. From our situation we are peculiarly favored, being able to raise most of the products peculiar to the South, and about all peculiar to the North.

Our soil is not as rich as the new soil of the Western States. But the large number of our rivers give us a great extent of bottom lands, which are equal to any in the world. Our rolling lands are susceptible of high cultivation, and seem peculiarly adapted to wheat growing. The mountain and ridge land is good for grasses and fruit. The cattle range on the former from March until November, and fatten splendidly on the timothy grass and luxuriant vines. Timothy grows as high as six feet on the mountains. Such mountain lands may be purchased at from 50 cents to $1 per acre. Good improved farming lands can be bought at prices ranging from $5 to $25 per acre. Rich bottom lands range from $60 to $100. In some of the interior counties good farming lands can be bought at from $1 to $5 per acre. Fine ridge sides cultivated and adapted to fruit culture can be bought at from $5 to $10 per acre. Good grazing lands in large tracts can be bought at from $1 to $5. There is one fact true of our soil, and that is that when worn out and exhausted to all appearances, practical and scientific men say it can be easily restored—that it contains the elements of rapid recuperation.

Wheat does very well in East Tennessee. Our land when well cultivated will yield forty bushels to the acre in good seasons. The wheat is decidedly superior to Western wheat. It will weigh to the measured bushel sixty-six pounds, and often sixty-eight and seventy. A barrel of Tennessee flour will make twenty pounds more bread than a barrel of Illinois flour. It is much dryer, and will absorb more moisture. East Tennessee flour is quoted at two and three dollars per barrel more than the best Genesee New-York flour. Southern flour will bear transportation better than Western flour, and is sought after for foreign markets.

Corn is the great staple of East Tennessee. It is raised on bottom and upland with great success. Some of our river bottoms yield one hundred and five bushels to the acre. Most of the corn is fed to stock. Before the war it was no uncommon thing for some of our large planters to fatten five hundred head of hogs.

The Cumberland plateau and the eastern and southern counties bordering on the Smoky Mountains are peculiarly adapted to the culture of fruit—apples particularly.

Peaches grow here naturally, and are a very sure crop. Our railroads are hedged with peach-trees, grown from stones thrown out of the car windows by passengers. The dried peach crop of East Tennessee is yearly a source of great revenue.

Grasses of every kind do well. It is very generally supposed that they will not grow well in the South; but it is certainly not true of East Tennessee. Blue grass does well, and grows naturally in most of our counties. Clover flourishes, and most of our soil will yield one to two tons per acre.

I have thus given most of the facts upon the heads chosen that would be of interest. I cannot give satisfactory information upon all points in the brief space of a news letter. I know, however, that there is a growing interest and a demand for practical news upon such points pertaining to the South, and I propose to satisfy that demand as far as I can do so to the satisfaction of your readers. I know some of your contemporaries have been soliciting news from this section upon those subjects to meet the wants of their readers.

I would refer all persons desiring more detailed information to Mr. CHARLES SEYMOUR, the Corresponding Secretary, or J. W. MORTH, the President of the Knoxville Industrial Association. That body have in preparation a pamphlet which it is hoped will meet the wants of all interested.

There is a very gratifying increase in the number of Northern people prospecting in the South. I have never known such a wide-spread interest manifested in the future of East Tennessee, and it is to be hoped that the fondest anticipations of our people will be realized. OMEGA.

THE ALASKA PURCHASE.

The Testimony of Hon. Wm. H. Seward and Hon. Robert J. Walker Before the Congressional Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 26.

The following is the testimony given by the Secretary of State and Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER, before the Committee directed to investigate the rumors in regard to the Alaska purchase money.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15, 1869.

TESTIMONY OF HON. WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

By the Chairman—Question—The Congress of the United States have directed the Committee on Public Expenditures to make inquiries touching the rumors afloat with reference to the Alaska purchase money. Have you any knowledge that you could properly give to the Committee on that subject?

Answer—The only knowledge I have concerning the payment of the Alaska purchase money is this: After the passage of the act of the last session of Congress appropriating the purchase money, I made a requisition, as Secretary of State, upon the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, which is filed in the Treasury Department, and of which the following is a copy:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, July 28, 1868.

To the Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR: I request that a warrant for seven millions two hundred thousand dollars, specified in coin, to be issued in favor of Mr. EDWARD DE STOECKL, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the Emperor of Russia, pursuant to the convention between the United States and His Majesty of the 30th of March, 1867, and the act of Congress approved July 27, 1868, the said EDWARD DE STOECKL to be charged accordingly on the books of the Treasury. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

$7,200,000.

I also gave notice to the Russian Minister that the requisition had been made, and that he could call upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the money. I assume, upon general information, that that money was paid; I do not know what it was paid out of the Treasury, nor to whom it was paid.

Q—Or of its distribution afterward?

A.—Nothing of its distribution; I know nothing whatever of the use the Russian Minister made of the fund; I know of no payment, or that body by him, or of any application of the funds which he received.

[The Chairman read to the witness the resolution of inquiry adopted by the House, on the motion of Mr. WOOD.]

Witness—In regard to all these allegations I have no knowledge. I thought the subject of the Alaska purchase a very good, proper and national achievement, and, therefore, out of the funds of the State Department I subscribed for a small number of the speeches made by Mr. CHARLES SUMNER, (which I have brought here,) to be used for the information of the public and of Congress. Various persons, some connected and others not connected with the Government, patriotic gentlemen, as I supposed, came to give me their cordial support and cooperation in the matter, and among the rest were Mr. SUMNER and Mr. WALKER. Whenever I found they were in possession of information or arguments which would be useful, such as documentary information, I received it and transmitted it to Congress, who had it published; all that I ever paid, or that I ever expended, was in that way, and in no other, and no engagement was ever made with anybody for any part of the purchase money, or any other fund used in any way. My impression is that the whole expense and cost to the United States Government for the negotiation, payment and everything, did not exceed five hundred dollars. Among other persons who took an interest in the subject was Mr. ROBERT J. WALKER, with whom I have been in the habit of conferring very freely upon all public questions since he was Secretary in office, and of whose patriotism, intelligence and industry I have a very high estimate; he proposed to me to support this measure, as it was called, and I accepted his good offices in that way, and encouraged him to proceed; he prepared a paper which he read to me before it was printed, (and of which this is a copy;) I subscribed for some copies of that. I do not know from Mr. WALKER that he was ever paid a cent; I never paid him a cent, but I remember hearing the Russian Minister speak in terms of commendation and appreciation of his efforts, and of his asking my opinion on the subject, and I bore testimony to the efficiency of Mr. WALKER's services, and the value of his labors in promoting the measure; that is all I know about Mr. WALKER. I do not know that he ever had $25, or ever heard from him that he was to have it, and I know nothing about it now.

Q.—Have you any knowledge of any money or presents, directly or indirectly, being made from the fund at the disposal of the Secretary of State, or any other fund, to subsidize or propitiate the Press, or any person connected therewith, anywhere?

A.—On the contrary, I have knowledge that no fund at the State Department went to subsidize any Press anywhere, but when I found there was a continued fire all along the line of the Press against the Alaska purchase and the purchase of St. John's and St. Thomas, and I read how valueless these possessions were by reason of perpetual icebergs in Alaska, and the universal cannonading of volcanoes and hurricanes driven through from the West Indies, I recalled to my recollection the situation of the Editorial Press in Mr. JEFFERSON's Administration for making the purchase of Louisiana; I was familiar with that literature in my boyhood, as you all probably were, and I sent a young man, Mr. DIXON, to New-York and Albany to the purpose of collecting from the Federal Press, in the public libraries, extracts and articles attacking Mr. JEFFERSON in such papers; he collected and sent them to me; I paid his expenses in addition to his salary; I believe these articles were published in the Press, and as far as they would do it gratuitously, but in no other way; that is all I know of the influence upon the Press. As I said before, Mr. STOECKL expressed to me a grateful appreciation of the services of Mr. WALKER, which I thought was well deserved, and I bore testimony to it accordingly. I suppose the Committee is aware that there has been a litigation of some sort about the Perkins claim between the claimants and the Russian Government, and that the Russian Government had some arbitration on this and other claims involving legal questions, which, I suppose, will be settled; and this matter mentioned about Mr. WALKER, that as there were lawyers employed on the one side, the Russian Government might, for anything I know, have employed lawyers on the other side; as Governments sometimes do, and that the interest he may have had taken in this question probably commended him to the Russian Government in that way, but I do not know anything of that.

Q.—Have you any other information or fact that you think to be material?

A.—I think of nothing further.

TESTIMONY OF HON. ROBERT J. WALKER.

Robert J. Walker sworn and examined.

By the Chairman—Question—Do you reside in the city?

Answer—I reside in the District with my family; I have an office as a lawyer in this city.

Q—Were you the counsel of the Russian Legation in the Alaska matter?

A.—I mean to answer every question explicitly which the Committee shall ask me, but inasmuch as there is something very sacred in the confidential relation between a client and his counsel, and as the gentleman (Baron STOECKL, the Russian Minister,) who employed me in this matter is absent, I should have desired an opportunity of seeing him and obtaining his consent before giving my evidence. However, I feel perfectly confident that he would have consented, could I have seen him, and I feel it due to him and his Government, and to myself, that I should assume that he would consent, and therefore I deem it my duty under the circumstances to take the responsibility of divulging even confidential communications that have passed between us.

Q.—Proceed, if you please, in your own way, to state to the Committee your entire knowledge in regard to the matter of inquiry.

A.—With the consent of the Committee, I will state such knowledge as I have, in a narrative form, and my whole connection with the subject. Sometime in December, 1867, I think, I had a long and interesting conversation with the Secretary of State, Mr. SEWARD, on the subject of Alaska, St. Thomas and St. John's; I think the treaty for the purchase of Alaska had been ratified at that time. Mr. SEWARD seemed then to entertain no doubt about the success of the appropriation, but he entertained great doubt about the success of the treaty in relation to St. Thomas and St. John's. He had known me as a life-long annexationist, in favor of annexation in every quarter, North, South, East and West, and he showed me the treaty, and requested me to write an article in favor of it, stating the history of the facts as I thought would be of interest to the public, and would aid in making it successful. I wrote such an article, and I held a pamphlet in my hand containing it, headed, "Letter of Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER on the purchase of Alaska, St. Thomas and St. John's," which I request may be made part of my testimony. This article appeared in the *Morning Chronicle* of this city, on the 29th of January, 1868. In that article there is very little said about Alaska (less than a page in all,) because it was thought there would be no difficulty about that, at that period. The pamphlet is chiefly devoted to the discussion of the acquisition of St. Thomas and St. John's, which I urged by all the arguments which occurred to me. At that time I had no idea of being employed by anybody in connection with Alaska or St. Thomas, or St. John's, and I never have been employed as counsel in relation to St. Thomas or St. John's. I printed this pamphlet at my own expense. Mr. SEWARD asked me to let him have a thousand copies of it; I told him I would send them to him, but insisted on paying for them myself, as I would not consent that anybody else should pay a dollar in connection with the pamphlet. I sent him a thousand copies and distributed, I think, about nine thousand copies myself. It will be seen, on reference to that pamphlet, that I have been the advocate of the acquisition of Alaska ever since the 3d of March, 1848. The pamphlet contains an extract from the official correspondence of that date between the late President POLK and myself, in which I urged him to acquire that territory. About three or four months after I had this conversation with Secretary SEWARD (I cannot recollect the exact date, but I think it was early in May, 1868,) I was called upon for the first time by Baron STOECKL, whom I had known intimately for many years. He said he wanted to have a confidential conversation with me, and we retired to a back room in my office. He then told me he desired to employ me as counsel for his Government in aid of the passage of the Alaska appropriation. I said I did not suppose there was any danger of the failure of the Appropriation bill; that, as the treaty had been ratified by the Senate with but two dissenting votes, I thought the defeat of the appropriation under those circumstances might involve serious consequences concerning our relations with Russia; and that I had no doubt of the success of the appropriation. That was my opinion at that date. Baron STOECKL said he thought there was a great disposition on the part of the House to economise and cut down the expenses of the Government at that particular session, and that he was fearful that if it was not defeated it would be postponed until the next session, and he thought that would most seriously disturb the existing cordial relations between Russia and the United States. Well, I told him I had never lobbied Congress in my life, and that I never meant to, and that if he wished me to lobby Congress powerfully I must decline. He said he had read with great care this pamphlet of mine on the subject of Alaska, St. Thomas and St. John's, and he was good enough to make some complimentary remarks which I suppose I need not repeat. He said his object was to get me to argue and discuss the question as I had done successfully many others, to print pamphlets and write articles for the newspapers presenting all the arguments in favor of the appropriation. He said he wished me also to confer with Mr. SUMNER and Gen. HARRIS, who were warmly supporting the measure. I told him if that was all that was required of me, I could consider it entirely professional, and that I would do it. After some other conversation he proposed to pay me for such services as I have stated, the sum of $50,000 in gold, to which I assented; he was good enough afterward voluntarily to increase that sum, as I shall presently state. I proceeded at once to discuss the question; I wrote a pamphlet on the subject, which was printed in the *Intelligencer*, and distributed very extensively by me; I also wrote articles for the *National Intelligencer* and *Chronicle* of this city, which were generally published editorially in both papers. These articles were modified somewhat in some minor particulars by those who had charge of the papers; I do not recollect exactly the modifications made, but I beg leave to say to the Committee, and hope I may be pardoned for saying it, that they made no material alteration in my articles, to speak emphatically of myself. I knew nothing about and never saw until I read them in the newspapers. I do not think I called upon a single member of Congress on the subject except Gen. BLAIR. I called upon him because we had been intimate for years long ago. When I was Secretary of the Treasury, I appointed him to an office in the Custom-house in Boston, and my son, Gen. WALKER, had served under him some time in the Union army during the war. But I called upon him mainly because he was the great public leader of the Press. Of course, I also saw Mr. ALLEN, editor of the *Intelligencer*, was a good friend of mine, they said a great many pleasant things about me; I only made the remark that if there were any of the editorials that spoke of me in a complimentary way, I wished the Committee to understand that that part of them were not of my composition; in other words, I wished to exclude that class of articles from the publications written by me.

By Mr. Peters—Q.—I understand you to say that besides the sums you have stated, you know of no other one made or that appropriation of money in any other direction.

A.—I know of no use made of any other portion of the money for any purpose whatever; I have no knowledge whatever of any such use.

Q.—Have you information not amounting to knowledge?

A.—I have no information directly or indirectly, reliable or unreliable, as to what became of the rest of the money.

By Mr. Broomall—Q.—Have you any reason to suspect that any of it was paid to any officer in any department of the Government?

A.—I have not reason to suspect it; it is in my profound conviction that not a dollar of it was paid to anybody in connection with the Government in any capacity, either from that or any other fund whatever.

SUDDEN DEATH.

An Educated and Once Influential Man Drops Dead in the Street—Evidences of Poverty and Suffering.

From the Chicago Post, Feb. 24.

About 9 o'clock this morning a man, apparently about 60 years old, while passing the City Hotel, dropped suddenly to the sidewalk, powerless. He was raised and carried into the hotel, and a physician called, but it was found that the apparent swoon was in reality death. His pockets were empty clean, and had no money about him, excepting a few cents. Evidences of poverty, suffering and friendlessness were apparent in his dress and face. On his body were numerous papers and letters, which show him to have been a man of education and influence. One letter to Hon. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, at Quincy, Mass., is signed "PETER SINCLAIR, of Scotland, formerly Agent and Secretary of the Union and Emancipation Society, No. 61 Piccadilly, Manchester." All the letters contain the same name, either in signature, address, or in an introduction. It also seems that he was the prime mover in the formation of the Society during the early part of the war, in opposition to the societies hostile to our cause and favoring the rebellion. The papers also attest that he was an agent for the systematic emigration of skilled laborers, farmers, manufacturers, machinists, &c., from Great Britain to this country. In one of his letters he speaks approvingly of an article of the person addressed, on the subject of the introduction of capital and labor into the South; and expresses his failure to comprehend such an end, just previous to the close of the war, owing to the apathy of the Southern people themselves. Other letters dated at various points of England speak of him as the late Secretary of the Society of the Friends of Emancipation, and as a faithful friend of the Union and active friend to the Union in its struggle to maintain a free and populous Government, against the efforts of a slaveholding power to crush it.

Letters from Gov. ANDREW, and Gov. BULLOCK, of Massachusetts, show him to have had business and manufacturing men, both in this country and Great Britain; passes over the Central Pacific and other roads, in California and the East, and letters of introduction are also among his effects. The address of Mr. WM. MOSSMAN, of Elgin, Ill., is found among them. Some of the letters speak of his faithfully and successfully fulfilling contracts for the furnishing of "educated labor" from Great Britain.

An inquest had resulted in the verdict of death by the visitation of God. The body has been in the Dead-house, where it will remain for a few days for identification.

The unfortunate man, whether he be the one whose name appears in the letters or not, must have undergone great destitution and misery, and was undoubtedly reduced to the last extremities. His body was alive with vermin, and his unclean condition show him to have been sadly lacking opportunity to preserve his health and cleanliness. His case is peculiarly sad, falling, as he did, from so prosperous a state to such depths of misery. Some of his letters bore dates as late as the present month.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—HOGAN, JUSTICE.

LARCENY OF A VIOLIN.

Officer Musgrave, of the Fourth Precinct, arrested MICHAEL MCKERVER on Saturday, on a charge of having stolen a violin, the property of DENNIS O'BRIEN, of No. 55 New Chambers-street, some months ago. As SARAH MARTIN, an inmate of O'BRIEN's house, testified before the Magistrate that she saw the larceny committed, the prisoner was held for trial.

JEFFERSON MARKET—LEDWITH, JUSTICE.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.

Officer Michael Yager, of the Eighteenth Precinct, appeared before the Magistrate yesterday and entered a complaint of felonious assault against one JAMES REILLY, whom he had arrested. It appears that at an early hour yesterday the officer saw GEORGE MAGEE, PATRICK MORRISSY and the prisoner come out of a saloon on the corner of Sixteenth-street and First-avenue, and engage in a quarrel. Before the officer could interfere, he heard MAGEE exclaim: "I'm stabbed," and he subsequently ascertained that MAGEE had been stabbed in the body near the stomach. As the wounded man had been taken to Bellevue Hospital and reported to be in a critical condition, the Magistrate held the prisoner to await the result of the injuries.

ESSEX MARKET—MANSFIELD, JUSTICE.

A BOGUS CHECK.

August Schmidt, a fancy goods dealer at No. 81 Grand-street, sold $20 worth of goods to one SIGMUND HERZOG *alias* Horseman, a peddler, on the 23d of May, 1868, and received in payment therefor a check on the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, signed S. Horseman. As the check proved to be worthless, HERZOG was arrested on the first opportunity, which occurred yesterday, and on his being arraigned before the Magistrate, he was held for trial. The prisoner stated that he was innocent of the fraudulent intent, and charged simply to have made a mistake and signed the WRONG name to the check.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS FOR MONDAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	
122	Adams vs. Dikeman, Thompson, &c.
488	Bennett vs. Oliver.
351	Brennan Fire Ins. Co. vs. Todd, Im. Co.
352	Schuyler vs. Smith et al. vs. Stevens et al.
376	Fawcett, Adm'r, vs. Stevens.
386	Bennett vs. Strauss.
387	Bennett vs. Hecker.
388	Bennett, Adm. vs. Bliss et al.
1020	Cohen vs. Lord.
1025	Gilman et al. vs. Walker et al.
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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Balances at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 27, 1869.

$6,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	116	10,000 Mich. S. & N. I. 2d cons.	69¼
4,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112	10,000 St. Louis & Ill.	80
20,000 do.....c.	112¼	5,000 do.....b10	80
10,000 do.....c.	112¼	4,000 Mor. Lac. New.....	81¼
14,000 do.....c.	112¼	20 Park Fire.....b5	120
12,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '64	112¼	20 Cent. Nat. Bank.....	112½
10,000 do.....c.	112¼	20 Fourth Nat. Bk.....	112½
10,000 do.....c.	112¼	20 Tenth Nat. Bk.....	97½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65,	112¼	100 West. Un. Tel.....	32½
New.....	112	100 do.....b5	32½
20,000 U. S. 6s, Cur.....	111½	100 do.....bs5	32½
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	112¼	100 do.....bs5	32½
20,000 do.....c.	112	100 Cumberland.....	7½
146,000 do.....bs	112¼	10 Mariposa Min.....	7½
140,000 do.....bs	112¼	100 do.....b5	7½
80,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	110¼	100 Mariposa Pf.....	21½
2,000 Pac. Sa. W. L.....	95½	100 do.....b5	21½
25,000 Int. State 6s.....	86½	20 Pacific Mail.....	103
10,000 Tenn. 6s, new.....	60	50 do.....c	103
5,000 Missouri 6s, E. H.	85	20 Del. & Hud. Can.	128
& St. Jo. 1s.....	88	100 Adams Express.....	72½
200,000 La. 6s, N. Bds.	65	50 do.....b5	72½
1,000 R. C. State 6s,		400 A. M. U. Express.....	56
new.....bch. 5	69½	100 New-York Central	134½
1,000 do.....bl call	69	100 do.....b5	134½
4,000 Ala. 5s, 5, bch. c	64½	100 do.....b10	135
1,000 Mich. 6s, '82 M.	85	100 Erie.....	111½
12,000 Mich. So. 8s, 2 M	75	100 do.....b5	111½
10,000 R. & Sd. Jos. L.		100 do.....bs	111½
G. Bds.....	102½	50 Mich. Southern.....	84½
new 5s.....	102½	50 Mich. Central.....	136
1,000 Tol. A. W. M. M.	85	100 Chic. & N. W.....	87½
1,000 T. & W. Equip. B	95	100 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	88½
1,000 Tol., A. A. & Gr.		100 do.....b5	88½
Cons. M.....	81½	100 Clev. & Pitts.....	91½
4,000 do.....bs	80	75 do.....b5	91½
10,000 Gt. W. 1st 8s	82	100 Fort Wayne.....	100
1,000 Gt. W. 2d M. 7s	74½	45 Mil. & St. Paul.....	48
5,000 C. W. I. & P. 7s	75	20 Del. L. & W.....	118½
1,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st M.	97	40 T. W. & W.....	56
10,000 do.....bs	97	40 N. J. Central.....	116½
1,000 P., Ft. W. & C.		100 do.....b5	116½
1st M.....	90	15 do.....bs	116½
100 C. & A. Ind. Bds	66	200 Ohio & Miss.....	34½
11,000 C. & M. Con. 7s	87	10 Dayton & S. C.....	107
25,000 C. G. & I. C. 1st	85	20 Old Creek & Alt'y	75
5,000 W. U. T. 7s, bds.	85	20 C., C., Cin. & Ind.	68½

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$2,000 U. S. 6s, C., '81	116½	$20,000 U. S. 5-20 C. 65	112¾
5,000 do.....c.	116½	15,000 do.....c.	112¾
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112¾	12,000 U. S. 6s Cur.....	105
25,000 do.....bl	112¾	7,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '67	112
3,000 do.....c.	112¾	10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	112¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65,		10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112¾
new.....	112¾	67,000 do.....c.	112¾
22,000 do.....c.	112¾	200,000 do.....c.	112¾
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '64	112¾	25,000 do.....c.	112¾
40,000 do.....bs	112¾	5,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40 R.	104
15,000 do.....c.	112¾	10,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40, C.	110¾
20,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65	112		

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100 Wells-Fargo Ex. c	28¾	200 N. Y. Central.....	134¾
100 Adams Ex.....	72½	100 do.....b10	134¾
100 do.....bs	72½	100 do.....b5	134¾
100 do.....bs	72½	100 do.....b5	134¾
100 Am. Mer. U. Ex.	27½	100 do.....b10	134¾
200 Mariposa Min.....	10½	100 do.....b10	134¾
100 do.....b5	10½	100 do.....b5	134¾
100 Mariposa Pf.....	22½	200 do.....c	134¾
800 Pacific Mail.....	101½	500 do.....c	134¾
100 do.....b10	101½	200 Clev. & Pitts.....	91½
100 do.....b5	101½	200 do.....c	91½
200 do.....c	101½	400 do.....c	91½
200 do.....bs	101½	400 do.....c	91½
100 Reading.....	93	100 Clev., Col., Cin. & Ind.	68
400 Fort Wayne.....	122½	300 Lake Shore.....	93½
1600 Ohio & Miss.....	34½	200 C. R. I. & Pac.....	125½
1200 Mich. So. & N. I.	67½	200 Chi. & N. W.....	87½
300 do.....b10	67½	300 Chi. & N. W., Pf....	88

MONDAY, March 1—A. M.

The weekly averages of the Associated Local and National Banks in the Clearing-house of this City, for the week ending Saturday last, Feb. 27, compare as follows with the previous week and with the corresponding week last year; to which we add the specie and currency balances in the New-York office of the United States Treasury at those dates, respectively:

Decrease in Loans.....	$2,164,171
Increase in Specie.....	3,518,738
Decrease in other Legal Tenders.....	162,142
Decrease in Deposits.....	3,206,271
Decrease in Circulation.....	16,000

	Feb. 20, '69.	Feb. 27, '69.	Feb. 28, '68.
National Capital.....	$72,607,700	$72,607,700	$72,607,700
Local Capital.....	9,848,000	9,848,000	9,848,000
Total Capital.....	$82,455,700	$82,455,700	$82,455,700
Specie.....	$27,240,673	$31,271,391	$22,425,000
Gold and U.S. Notes	27,240,673	31,271,391	22,425,000
Other Legal Tender	38,628,608	38,466,466	38,467,187
Deposits.....	108,681,878	105,475,607	127,612,849
Circulation.....	34,066,229	34,050,229	34,047,261
Sub-Treasury.....	18,236,610	18,236,610	16,434,000

The Bank Statement published to-day exhibits the following relative strength of the movement in the point of lawful Money Security, to the previous statement. The Banks owed:

	Feb. 20, '69.	Feb. 27, '69.	Feb. 28, '68.
On deposits.....	$107,681,878	$105,475,607	$127,612,849
Circulation.....	34,066,229	34,050,229	34,047,261
Total.....	$141,748,107	$139,525,836	$161,660,110
20 P cent. would be	$28,349,621	$27,905,167	$32,332,022
They held:			
In Gold and Greenbacks.....	74,248,599	71,687,207	80,648,249
Excess.....	$45,898,978	$43,781,940	$48,316,227

The Bank movement in the Currency Departments is quite steady. In the Specie Department the falling off is due to the Customs payments of the week. Of the $1,003,287 Gold and Silver of all descriptions exported for the week, $601,548 was in Spanish Doubloons, recently imported from Europe for the Cuba market. During the present week the Banks will probably receive nearly as much Gold from the Treasury for the 10-40 Gold Interest due to-day as will be drawn from them for Customs.

The Treasury Office received for the past week $8,645,966 in Gold for Customs, and of this large sum $2,518,788 appears to have been drawn from the Gold Deposits at Bank. The general loss of deposits at Bank is down $2,206,371; the Greenback Notes, $129,149; and the Loans and Discounts, $2,086,171. The Money market left off easy at 6@7 ⅌ cent.

The week was marked by great activity in the line of Imports and the receipts for Customs thereon, and the preparations for the Spring Trade and the business thus far accomplished by the Importers and their Auctioneers and the Domestic Commission people, give promise of a successful season. There is every good reason why it should prove so in the greatly enlarged ability of the Southern States, from the avails of a high-priced Cotton crop, to consume Goods, and in the prosperous condition of the Western Grain and Provision States. The Tobacco crops of Virginia and the Southwestern States are also a large help to the general trade, while the Manufacturing States of Pennsylvania, New-York and New-England are better able to consume Goods than at any time shall 1868. The Export movement of the week from New-York was to a fair average in value, (including 9,667 bales Cotton,) and to this is to be added 49,569 bales of Cotton directly exported to Great Britain and the Continent from the Southern ports.

There was an average advance of ¾ ⅌ cent. in the Public Funds of the United States, and a fall of 1⅛@2⅛ ⅌ cent. in the price of Gold during the week, with great activity in the former for European account, causing, by a sudden pressure of Bills drawn against United States 5-20s, a decline in the Foreign Exchanges, as one movement, of nearly 1 ⅌ cent. The rates partially recovered from extreme points at the close of the week. The local speculation and Domestic supply and demand in the Funds were also very active, and the excitement on Saturday morning quite intense. The favorable action in Congress, by nearly a two-thirds vote in both Houses, on the bill to strengthen the Public Credit, had a favorable influence upon the markets here and abroad, but in addition to this the private letters, as well as Cable telegrams, from England and the Continent developed a larger and more widely-distributed demand for United States 5-20s than has been known since the close of the War. The text of the Bill relating to the Public Credit as it passed the Senate on Saturday night, by a vote of 50 to 18, is as follows:

AN ACT relating to the public debt.

Be it enacted, That in order to remove any doubt as to the purpose of Government to discharge all just obligations of the public debt, and to preserve the validity and interpretation of the laws by virtue of which such obligations have been authorized, it is hereby provided and declared that the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of any such obligation has expressly provided that the same may be paid in lawful money, or other currency than gold and silver.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any contract heretofore made in specially payable in coin, and the consideration of which may be a loan of coin, or a sale of property, or the rendering of labor or service of any kind, the price or which was carried into the contract may have been adjusted on basis of the coin value thereof at the time of such sale or the rendering of such service or labor, shall be legal and valid, and may be enforced according to its terms.

Having done so well thus far, it is greatly to be desired that the Senate Finance Committee should now report the Hooper Bill from the House, restricting the further issue of United States 5-20s, and the increase of the aggregate of the Funded Debt paying Interest in Gold, and the Principal of which is here pledged to be paid off, when paid off at all, in Gold or Silver Coin. With or without the bill, we are quite sure that the Administration of Gen. GRANT will not suffer this class of debt to be increased, or any other class of debt, unless on some emergence of a domestic or foreign nature not now anticipated, and not likely to occur during this Administration. On the contrary, we believe, even without knowing or surmising who the new Secretary of the Treasury will be, that the surplus gold in the Treasury, now amounting to over seventy millions of dollars and rapidly accumulating from the Customs revenue, will be faithfully applied to its long since should have been applied, under the neglected Sinking Fund Act of Feb. 26, 1862,) to the reduction of the principal of the Gold-bearing Funded Debt, by the exchange of this Gold for United States Bonds and Registered Stock, in open market, or on sealed proposals, at the best difference this exchange will command, after due advertisement of the amounts to be sold or awarded. But it is nevertheless to be desired that the Hooper bill should be passed, not only to strengthen the new administration in those purposes and to this great end, but to set at rest all doubt, at home and abroad, the question of closing up the Funded Gold-bearing Debt, and the agitation of all impracticable or threatening schemes for refunding and reducing the Interest on this Debt, until the Public Credit is raised to a standard equal to the easy or voluntary conversion of 6-20s, as they fall within the time or Government option of redemption at par in Gold, for a five (or it may be a four) ⅌ cent. Stock.

The Import Entries for the past week, including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, are cast to $4,769,861, against the total entries of $5,711,098 same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $6,361,775, against $5,262,229 same week last year. The import of Specie amounts to $1,098,987, against $599,601 same week last year. The Customs of the week are $8,645,966. The receipts of Cotton, coastwise and by railroad, are 21,469 bales. The number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week, 1,884.

The Gold values of the Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise, at New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows, the figures being official to Feb. 1, and since semi-official from the Customhouse—the entries of Foreign Specie being omitted:

July.....	$23,861,215	January.....	$22,321,221
August.....	20,313,908	Feb. 1.....	4,425,620
September.....	18,227,183	Feb. 15.....	1,946,767
October.....	14,705,261	Feb. 17.....	3,223,036
November.....	16,426,786	Feb. 24.....	3,321,172
December.....	14,867,280		
Total since July 1.....			$102,626,262
Against same time last year.....			119,149,187
Decrease since July 1.....			$17,522,925

Gold, Feb. 27, 1869.....	131¼ ⅌ cent.
Gold, Feb. 28, 1868.....	137½ ⅌ cent.

The Exports of Specie of all descriptions from New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July.....	$10,184,252	January.....	$2,214,286
August.....	4,860,036	Feb. 1.....	266,952
September.....	1,944,723	Feb. 15.....	227,320
October.....	1,836,192	Feb. 20.....	212,222
November.....	1,181,081	Feb. 27.....	1,024,987
December.....	1,917,656		
Total since July 1.....			$26,124,461
Against same time last year.....			23,668,716
Decrease since July 1.....			$10,377,255

The deliveries of California Gold and Silver at New-York since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July.....	$2,111,004	January.....	$1,320,248
August.....	2,234,647	Feb. 1.....	727,600
September.....	2,347,268	Feb. 15.....	299,264
October.....	1,457,257	Feb. 20.....	201,201
November.....	1,102,012	Feb. 27.....	104,000
December.....	788,686		
Total since July 1.....			$15,322,935
Against same time last year.....			21,649,223
Decrease since July 1.....			$6,166,088

The following are the Customs Receipts in Gold and the interest paid on the Public Debt in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury since July 1, 1868:

	Customs received.	Gold interest paid.		
July.....	$8,262,256	July.....	$14,778,410	
August.....	8,353,944	August.....	2,252,040	
September.....	12,276,454	September.....	4,228,120	
October.....	10,448,222	October.....	343,640	
November.....	7,288,262	November.....	18,228,260	
December.....	8,457,277	December.....	2,690,920	
January.....	8,702,018	January.....	16,312,420	
February.....	12,070,120	February.....	1,922,640	
Total.....	$90,726,677	Total.....	$61,155,949	
To date, 1868.....	78,681,548	To date, 1868.....	61,189,000	

The increase of Gold Customs, thus far in the Fiscal year—eight months—at *all* the Collection ports of the United States, is now about *two and a half millions*. For the whole Fiscal Year, 1868, they were $102,402,000; so that without further increase from the present date to June 30, the Fiscal Year, 1869, will yield about $175,000,000. But as the prospects of our Foreign Trade now look, we believe the amount will exceed *One Hundred and Eighty Millions*, while the Interest upon the Gold-bearing Debt for the year is only $124,255,020—leaving as applicable to sinking the Principal of this Debt, about $56,000,000, exclusive of the surplus Gold from previous years, not otherwise sold or disposed of.

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

	Feb. 20, '69.	Feb. 27, '69.
American Gold Coin.....	132½@132¾	131@131¼
Old U. S. 6s, 1868.....	114¾@115	114¾@115
U. S. 6s, 1881.....	116½@116¾	116@116¼
U. S. 5 ⅌ cents, 10-40s.....	109¾@110¼	109¾@110¼
New-York Central.....	136 with div. deduct.	134¾@135
Erie.....	112¼@112¾	111¼@112
Hudson River.....	126¾@127	126¾@127
Reading.....	93¾@94	93¾@94
Michigan Central.....	125¾@126	125¾@126
Michigan Southern.....	87¾@88	87¾@88
Illinois Central.....	134¾@135	134¾@135
Cleveland and Pittsburg.....	91¾@92	91¾@92
Cleveland and Toledo.....	196¾@198	196¾@198
Chicago and Rock Island.....	125¾@126	125¾@126
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne.....	100¾@101	100¾@101
Northwest Common.....	56¾@57	56¾@57
Northwest Preferred.....	70¾@71	70¾@71
Chicago and Milwaukee.....	34¾@35	34¾@35
Ohio and Mississippi.....	34¾@35	34¾@35
New-York and Harlem.....	135¾@136	135¾@136
St. Paul Preferred.....	77¾@78	77¾@78
St. Paul Common.....	56¾@57	56¾@57
Toledo and Wabash.....	56¾@57	56¾@57
Cleveland and Toledo.....	196¾@198	196¾@198
Pacific Mail Company.....	100¾@101	100¾@101
St. Paul Preferred.....	78¾@79	78¾@79
St. Paul Common.....	56¾@57	56¾@57
Toledo and Wabash.....	57¾@58	57¾@58
Cleveland and Toledo.....	196	198
Ohio and Mississippi.....	33¾	34

There was an increased excitement in the Public Funds Saturday A. M., and a further rise on the advanced prices of Friday of full 1⅛@1¼ ⅌ cent., stimulated by the London Cable dispatches and the tenor of private advices from England and the Continent as to the real extent and nature of the fresh demand for and confidence in our Government Stocks. Later in the day the Cable telegrams were about 1 ⅌ cent. lower than the extreme price paid in the morning for the 5-20s of 1862 in London, and upon these quotations the market here, not only for the '62s, but for other 5-20s, became quite unsettled, and the fluctuations were from 110½, the highest for 1862s in the morning, down to 111, and subsequently up again to 111⅞ ⅌ cent. The 1867s from 114½ to 113¾ ⅌ cent., and other descriptions in about the same proportion. At the close of the day the market was again inclined upward, and the last prices were ⅛@¼ ⅌ cent. over the advance of Friday.

The Gold Room broke down to 130⅞ in the morning, but on the reaction in 5-20s in London, about 2 o'clock recovered to 131⅝@131¾ ⅌ cent. The Foreign Exchanges were done as low as 108¼@108½ for 60 days on London in the forenoon, closing 108⅝@108¾ ⅌ cent. Short sight sold 108⅞@¾@109, and Cable transfers were made early in the day at 109@109¼ ⅌ cent.

In other departments of the Stock Exchange than the Public Funds, the Railway speculation was generally firm, in prices, though the chief activity in speculation was confined to New-York Central and one or two of the Western Roads. New-York Central was dealt in after the closing of the transfers for the 15th March Dividend, at 2 o'clock P. M., ex 4 ⅌ cent. cash Dividend, the Interest Scrip to accompany the Stock in its original shape, subject to its future disposition as to Dividend or change of form.

No late Boards were held at the Stock Exchange, (as usual on Saturdays,) but the following quotations were made in the Long Room and on Broad-street, about 3 o'clock P. M.:

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s.....	110¾	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1862.....	111¼	111⅜
United States 5-20s of 1867.....	113¾	113
American Gold Coin.....	132¼	131¾
Bills on London, 60 days.....	108¾	108¾
New Bonds of Tennessee.....	65½	66
Virginia Bonds, old.....	57¼	57¼
Missouri Bonds.....	87¾	88
North Carolina Bonds, old.....	63½	63½
New-York Central.....	134¼	*134¾
Reading Railway.....	93½	93¾
Chicago and Rock Island.....	126¾	126¾
Northwest Common.....	56¾	56¾
Northwest Preferred.....	70¾	70¾
Michigan Southern.....	87¼	87¼
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne.....	132¾	133½
Cleveland and Pittsburg.....	90¾	91½
Pacific Mail Company.....	100¾	100¾
St. Paul Preferred.....	78½	78½
St. Paul Common.....	56	56¾
Toledo and Wabash.....	57¾	57¼
Cleveland and Toledo.....	198	198
Ohio and Mississippi.....	33¾	34

*Ex-dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1881.....	116¾	6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1867.....	113
6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1880.....	116¾	6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1868.....	113
6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1882.....	117¼	5 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1874.....	112
6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1883.....	117¼	6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 5-20s, 1862.....	111¾
6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1884.....	117¼	6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 5-20s, 1864.....	111¾
6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 1885.....	117¼	6 ⅌ cent. coupons, 5-20s, 1865.....	111¾

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ohio 6 ⅌ c., 1886.....	101	Missouri 6s.....	87
Ohio 6 ⅌ c., 1887.....	102	Tennessee 6s, old.....	66
Ohio 5 ⅌ c., 1887.....	98	Virginia 6s, old.....	57
Virginia 6s, new.....	61¾	Louisiana 6s, new.....	71
Virginia 6s, old.....	61¾	Louisiana 6s, levee bds.	71
Virginia 6s, coupons.....	61¾	Louisiana 6s, levee bds.	71
Virginia 6s, coupons.....	61¾	Louisiana 6s, Penitentiary	71
North Carolina 6s.....	63¾	Connecticut 6s.....	100
North Carolina 6s, old.....	63¾	Alabama 5s.....	90
North Car. 6s, n. bds.....	63¾	Alabama 8s.....	94¾

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York.....	325	Shoe and Leather.....	110
Manhattan.....	140	Metropolitan.....	130
Merchants'.....	140	Gas Light.....	130
Mechanics'.....	140	Continental.....	99¾
America.....	140	Eighth National.....	100
Phenix.....	105	Commonwealth.....	112
National.....	113	Imp. and Traders'.....	150
Metropolis.....	112	Park.....	140
Market and Fulton.....	100	Mechanics' and Traders'.	127
Leather Manufacturers.....	185	Greenwich.....	103¾
Seventh Ward.....	100	Fourth National.....	150
State of New-York.....	115	Ninth National.....	115
Mech. Bkg. Ass'n.....	115		
American Exchange.....	115		
Bank of the Republic.....	117		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887.....	98
N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887.....	98
Erie 7s, 2d mort., 1868.....	99¾
Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1880.....	87
Erie 7s, 1st R. & A. 1877.....	91¾
Erie 7s, R. & A. 1st 1877.....	91¾
Hud. R. 7s, 1st mort., 1885-90	108
Hud. R. 2d M. S. F. 6s, 1891	101¼
Harlem 1st 7s.....	107
Mich. C. 8 ⅌ c. 1st.....	111¾
Mich. C. 1st M. 6s.....	92
Mich. S. & N. I. 7s, 1875	99¾
Ill. Cen. 7 ⅌ c., 1875.....	112
Alton & T. H. 1st M. 8s	90
Alton & T. H. 2d M. 8s	77
Chi. & N. W. S. Fund.	94
Chi. & N. W. Int. bds	94
Chi. & N. W. Sk. bds.	94
Chi. & N. W. 1st M. 7s	94
Chi. & N. W. Gold M.	94¾
Con. 7 ⅌ cent. con.....	92
Han. & St. J. 1st Gr.	108
Lack. & Western bds.	90

The day's business at the Office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $1,440,809 65; total payments, $5,871,184 39; balance, $99,841,592 96. The receipts include for Customs, $634,000; for Gold Notes, $60,000.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New-York for the month ending Feb. 28:

By balance.....	$93,673,755 38
Receipts for the month.....	
On account of customs.....	$12,170,725 10
On account of gold notes.....	1,494,940 00
On account of Internal Revenue.....	1,947,724 28
Decrease since July 1.....	$17,438,387
On account of Post Office Department.....	49,526 77
On account of 6 ⅌ cent. certificates.....	3,580,000 00
On account of transfers.....	3,794,281 49
On account of patent fees.....	4,667 00
On account of miscellaneous.....	1,782,495 90
On account of disbursements.....	153,537
On account of Assay Office.....	105,689 02
Total.....	$115,881,313 49
Payments:	
Treasury drafts.....	$4,357,993 42
Post Office drafts.....	46,000 00
Disbursing accounts.....	8,003,201 36
Assay Office.....	105,689 02
In circulation.....	1,359,844 59
Balance.....	$99,841,592 96
Balance to credit Treasurer United States.....	$99,626,190 99
Balance to credit disbursing officers.....	2,618,118 65
Balance to credit Assay Office.....	1,687,288 70
	$99,841,592 96
Receipts for customs in the month of February, 1869.....	$9,795,122 24
Receipts for customs in the month of February, 1868.....	12,170,725 10
Increase for February, 1869.....	$2,444,602 86

A correspondent writes of the progress and prospects of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Road:

"There has been increased activity in St. Louis and Iron Mountain Bonds in consequence of the growing business on the old road, which has nearly doubled in a year. You may learn that the extension will be opened about June 1. The St. Louis merchants are pleased in the prospect of direct communication with Mobile and New-Orleans. The shares of this road, which were 20 last month, have been sold at from 40 to 50 within a few days."

Messrs. JOHN BINGHAM & Co., in their Liverpool circular of Feb. 19, remark:

"The country grain markets have been tolerably steady this week. There has now on the coast for sale 17 cargoes Wheat and 8 cargoes of Maize, and ship 1 cargo Wheat and 1 cargo of Maize reported since our last; Wheat arrived: 6 cargoes New Coast Ghirka-Taganrog, at 40s @ 40s 6d ⅌ 480 lbs.; 1 cargoes Ghirka-Taganrog, at 40s. @ 40s. 6d. ⅌ 480 lbs.; 2 cargoes Ghirka-Odessa, at 40s. 3d. @ 40s. 6d. ⅌ 480 lbs.; 2 cargoes Ghirka-Odessa, at 40s. 3d. @ 40s. 6d. ⅌ 480 lbs.; 1 cargo Ghirka-Odessa, at 40s. 6d. ⅌ 480 lbs.; 1 cargo Ghirka-Taganrog

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FAUST. (Italian Opera.) Leading characters by Miss Kellogg, Mme. Gelfoni and Mr. Habelmann.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner of 6th-av.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Leading characters by Mr. Edwin Booth and Miss Mary McVicker.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Leading characters by Mr. Lester Wallack and Miss Rose Eytinge.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
GENEVIEVE. Leading characters by Mme. Rose-Bell and M. Cormier.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
24th-st., near 4th-av.
JENNY LIND and POCAHONTAS. Leading characters by Mr. John Brougham and Miss Jennie Kimball.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
FORTY THIEVES. Leading characters by Miss Lydia Thompson and Mr. Beckel.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
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No. 720 Broadway.
LUCREZIA BORGIA. Leading characters by Miss Elise Holt and Mr. Mackows.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

M. RAYMOND THEODORE TROPLONG, the President of the French Senate, died on Saturday.

It is reported that the present Spanish Minister to England will proceed to this country to settle any difficulty which may arise from the Cuban insurrection.

At Barcelona, last week, there was an attempted insurrection. The authorities have arrested about forty persons.

CUBA.

It is reported that the Cuban insurgents have cut the aqueduct at Santiago de Cuba. The troops under Gen. LESCA are expected to have an engagement with the rebels near Magarabomba. Gen. PUELLO has arrived with reinforcements at Cienfuegos, and has made three divisions of the regular army. At Caloma de St. Domingo, a battle took place, in which many on both sides were killed. The result is not known. A fight occurred near Guanaja, in which the regulars were victorious. The emigration of Cubans is undiminished, every steamer bearing away hundreds in search of new homes. Additional supplies of troops are needed, as the number at present can do no more than hold their own. Thousands from the country are seeking refuge in the cities.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, Saturday, after the presentation of a few bills, reports, &c., the Public Credit bill was taken up and a discussion ensued, occupying the entire afternoon. In the evening session, Mr. WILSON introduced a bill for the more equal distribution of national banking capital. Mr. SHERMAN offered a resolution providing for the recognition of the independence of Cuba. The bill incorporating the Masonic Mutual Relief Association was passed. The joint resolution donating cannon for the monument of Gen. MCPHERSON was passed, after which the Public Credit bill was resumed, and at 11:45 the bill as amended passed.

In the House the contested election cases of Messrs. HURT and MENARD were the subject of a long discussion, and both gentlemen were refused seats. Mr. MENARD is a colored man, and was allowed to speak in his own behalf, the first instance of a colored man addressing either House of Congress. His remarks were listened to with great interest. The evening session was occupied in discussing the Indian Appropriation bill.

GENERAL.

Cattle stealing has lately been quite as flourishing a trade in the Indian Territory as it was in Kansas during the war. Three white men were recently implicated in having influenced the Caddoe Indians to steal 400 head of cattle belonging to citizens of Texas, which cattle they afterward bought for about $5 per head in goods. Two hundred of these cattle were issued to the Indians by one of the men, who was an Indian agent, and for the payment of which claims are now being pushed at Washington. The balance, about 200 head, were sent to Camp Supply, to be sold to the United States Government contractor. Gen. SHERIDAN has banished these cattle speculators from the Indian Territory, and ordered the seizure of all the cattle stolen by them.

Mr. CHOATE, who was arrested at St. Paul, Minn., on the charge of being the Newburyport "fire bug," was brought to that city Friday night and committed to jail. He will be examined today.

It is reported that of the seventeen members of the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on the Licensing law, seven, and perhaps nine, will report in favor of restoring the Prohibitory law, with a modification in reference to State and town agents. Others will report in favor of permitting the sale of cider and other weaker liquors.

A gentleman named IRA H. PIERCE, formerly City Attorney of Titusville, Penn., was recently arrested in Missouri and brought to Titusville, charged with being engaged in the great Benninghoff robbery that took place there some time since. There was not the slightest particle of evidence against Mr. PIERCE, and he was forthwith discharged, his arrest having been caused by the malice of one of the robbers, who is now in jail. Mr. PIERCE has now commenced suit against the BENNINGHOFFS for false arrest, laying damages at $25,000. Several other persons, who were similarly arrested, have also commenced suits for damages.

The schooner *Wide Awake* arrived at this port yesterday. She reports that on Feb. 19, when off Sand Key, she was hove to during the night by a Spanish man-of-war, who sent an officer on board to examine her papers. The officers stated that they were on the lookout for a small steamer, said to be engaged in carrying arms to the Cuban insurgents from some of the Southern ports.

Rochester, N. Y., will elect city officers tomorrow. The rival candidates for Mayor are EDWARD M. SMITH, Republican, and DANIEL WARNER, Democrat. The municipal election at Burlington, Vt., will also take place to-morrow.

Gen. SHERIDAN recently issued an order banishing beyond the limits of the Indian Territory a trader known as "Dutch Bill," for having furnished powder, lead and food to Indians engaged in murdering the frontier settlers of Kansas, Texas and Colorado. FRED. JONES, a horse-thief, was similarly banished, and his arrest ordered if he could be found. Gen. GRIFFIN is instructed to make every effort to break up and punish the bands of New-Mexican traders who have been and are still trading for captured stock with hostile Indians; and if such traders are found at any point east of the eastern line of New-Mexico, their goods will be burned and their stock killed.

The Judiciary Committee of the Tennessee Senate has reported against the proposition to sell the Hermitage, formerly the residence of Gen. JACKSON, but now the property of the State. The Committee recommends that Tennessee should keep the estate for all time to come, and make it, on some favorable occasion, the site of some noble institution of education or of benevolence. Ashland, Ky., formerly the home of HENRY CLAY, is now the site of a university, which is attended by over six hundred students from all parts of the Union.

On Friday morning the steam boiler in a sash factory at Salem, Ohio, exploded, entirely demolishing the building, the ruins of which immediately took fire and burned rapidly. There were half a dozen or more men in the building at the time, three of whom were buried in the ruins. One was instantly killed and the others were severely injured.

The United States Supreme Court has denied the petition for a *habeas corpus* in the cases of ARNOLD and SPANGLER.

At a meeting in Mansfield, Mass., on Saturday, Mr. MENGIS made a speech advocating the suffrage of young men of 18 years of age. His speech was listened to with interest, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the speaker.

The Cincinnati City Council has resolved to purchase the gas works of that city. They will take possession in January next.

Information has been received at Gen. SHERMAN'S headquarters in St. Louis to the effect that LITTLE RAVEN and his band of three hundred Sioux have surrendered to Gen. CUSTER.

There are in Oregon twenty-one quartz mills, supplied with one hundred and forty stamps and a large number of arrastras, the cost of the whole having been about $160,000. The extent of water ditching reaches one hundred and sixty-five miles—cost, $275,000. About one-half of the quartz mills are driven by water, being a larger proportion than in California or any other portion of the Pacific coast.

Gen. N. B. FORREST has given away the stock which he held in the Memphis Association Course, and says that for the future he does not propose to take any active part in matters belonging to the turf.

One JOSEPH A. ROSE has sued a young lady in Baltimore for $10,000 damages, alleging that she promised to change her name to Rose, and now doth refuse to do the same.

Judge LAUCK, of Tennessee, last week held court in Jackson County, and reports an orderly condition of affairs there. This is one of the counties in which martial law has been proclaimed. Judge LAUCK is a Republican, but encountered no opposition to his holding court from the residents of the county.

A difficulty occurred on the night of Feb. 22 at Jacksonville, Ga., between some colored people and some white soldiers, during which a negro was killed and white soldier wounded. The soldiers turned out to the rescue of their comrades, and a general *melée* ensued. About two hundred shots were fired. A number of balls entered private residences and wounded citizens, while some were also wounded while in the street.

The Tallahassee *Floridian* says that several of the most valuable tracts of land in Leon County, Fla., were sold by the United States Marshal recently, under execution, at the Court-house, in Tallahassee, none of which brought more than a dollar per acre in currency. For one of these tracts $27 per acre in gold was offered a little before the war.

President JOHNSON is expected to arrive at his home, Greenville, Tenn., about the 12th inst., when a grand reception is to be given him by the residents of that vicinity.

We print in another column Haytian intelligence, from Port-au-Prince, dated Feb. 17. It contains particulars of concessions made to France with a view to the payment of the French debt, and also new and important blockade regulations. The situation of affairs was well nigh unchanged. SALNAVE was before AUX CAYES, but that place had not fallen into his power.

The obsequies of the late DAVID T. VALENTINE took place at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Second-avenue, yesterday. A large congregation, including officials of the City Government, was present. Three ministers assisted in the services. The funeral discourse was preached by Rev. J. EYLAND KENDRICK. The remains were interred in Green-Wood.

A special sermon to the Police Force was delivered last evening at Grace Chapel by Rev. WALTER DELAFIELD.

A fire occurred in the building No. 29 Beekman-street yesterday afternoon, doing damage to the amount of $60,000.

Congressional States of Louisiana and Georgia.

The *Tribune*, the other day, in its Washington correspondence, announced as a fixed fact, "That the Clerk will not call the names of the Representatives from the States of Georgia and Louisiana on the assembling of the next Congress."

That this purpose has been entertained, so far as Georgia is concerned, and that the object to be effected is the retention of a full two-thirds majority in the new House, are matters which do not admit of doubt. The intimation to which we refer was not confined to the *Tribune's* columns; and its publication was evidently intended to pave the way for a promised resolution of the Reconstruction Committee in favor of the expulsion of the present Georgia members. The pretext for that proceeding, as well as for the omission of the other names from the roll of the new Congress, was of course the alleged violation, by the local Legislature of the conditions of restoration.

Later dispatches encourage the hope that the influence of Gen. GRANT has sufficed to prevent the contemplated outrage. The Reconstruction Committee, we are told, has for the present dropped its intention to reopen the question in Georgia by recommending the expulsion of its Representatives. This decision, we trust, will be adhered to. For all the purposes of the law, Reconstruction has been completed in Georgia. Its Representatives have occupied seats in the expiring Congress, with their title unchallenged; they have participated in its proceedings, and shared all the privileges of the members around them. The vote of the State in the Presidential election has been counted; and in all essential respects its standing in the Capitol is as good as that of Massachusetts or New-York. To expel its members now, with the record as it is, would be a flagrant act of usurpation. To direct the Clerk not to call the names of those whom it sends to the new Congress, on the ground assigned by those who urge the step, would be morally and constitutionally not one whit better.

Our own correspondent yesterday stated that the Georgia names will be omitted from the roll on Thursday next, "because there are no credentials here, and there is a question as to whether they have ever been legally elected." The former of those reasons, if nothing occur to change it, will necessitate the omission: the Clerk cannot call names of which he has not been officially advised. But neither he nor the present House has a right to raise a question affecting the validity of the State election. The bearers of credentials have a *prima facie* title to seats; whether they may be unseated and their places assigned to others, is a question for the next House to determine, after proper scrutiny, by the Election Committee. A right nowhere exists, in the meantime, to refuse recognition to members elect because the advocates of extreme measures, for purposes of their own, impugn the legality of the election. Upon that point, the Republican Party in Georgia is divided; and the section which favors the acceptance, by Congress, of things as they are, seems to us more powerful, and more entitled to consideration than that which recommends the violent measures which, until Saturday, the Reconstruction Committee was disposed to press upon the House.

The same policy which, as upheld by Gen. GRANT, has prevailed even in Mr. BOUTWELL'S mind, points to the inclusion of the Georgia members in the roll to be called on the Fourth. It is just as important, just as expedient, to recognize Georgia then—if the credentials of its Representatives be in the hands of the Clerk—as it is now to leave undisturbed the title of the present members.

And why should Louisiana be excluded? The moral completeness of its reconstruction may be less obvious than that of South Carolina or Alabama, but in a legal aspect it is quite as perfect. No proposal has been made in its case to upset reconstruction and begin anew. Its standing in the Union is unassailed and unassailable. It is true that charges of fraud and violence have been preferred affecting the seats of some who will claim admission as its Representatives. It is, moreover, not improbable that formal investigation may reveal sufficient to vitiate their election. These, however, are points to be considered by the next House. No party canons, no Committee now in existence has any excuse for passing judgment on *ex parte* information in a manner unknown to the Constitution and the law. Least of all may the Clerk, with any shadow of reason or law, usurp the functions of the House or the Election Committee, and rule out members who can be properly unseated only in one way.

The proceeding, whether in regard to Georgia or Louisiana, would be greatly aggravated by its transparent partisan tendency. From any point of view, the proposition is bad enough. But to exclude the States named, or either of them, from the new Congress pending the settlement of grave and delicate questions, would be both indiscreet and unjust. We shall be glad to find the good sense and proper feeling which have induced Mr. BOUTWELL to abandon one feature of the programme attributed to him, prevailing over the rash counsels which, while unsettling the South and alarming the country, would be permanently injurious to the party they are designed to serve.

Collisions at Sea—Codes of the Maritime Nations.

The decision of Judge BLATCHFORD in the case of the *Scotia*, a note of which will be found in another column, is one of the most important decisions in collision cases which has been rendered in the Courts. The amount involved ($400,000) is enough to give the case importance. But while the amount concerns only the parties, the principle involved in the decision is of importance to all who navigate the ocean.

The suit was brought against the steamer *Scotia*, of the Cunard line, to recover for the loss of the ship *Berkshire*, which was sunk by a collision with the *Scotia* in mid-ocean, in April, 1867. The *Berkshire* at the time was not equipped with the regulation lights as required by our statute, but had a single white light hung at her anchor-stock on her starboard bow. For the *Scotia* it was claimed that the *Berkshire* was bound to carry the lights which the United States statute requires, and that the *Scotia* had a right to suppose that she was doing so, and inasmuch as the statute prescribed a white light for steamers, and not for sailing vessels, the *Scotia* had the right to assume that the vessel was a steamer and act accordingly, which she did. But the *Berkshire*, on the other hand, claimed that that statute was not binding upon an American vessel when meeting a foreign vessel. The important question, therefore, in the case was, what is the law by which ships of different nations are to be governed when they meet on the high seas.

Judge BLATCHFORD, in his opinion, examines the English authorities on this question. He concludes that the Courts of England would not hold the English statute binding upon an English ship meeting a ship of another nation, even though that other nation had adopted the same regulations for its ships, unless by the British statute they were required to treat the ships of such nation as British vessels. And on this point his decision seems to be supported by the weight of authorities, though there is one case, certainly, to which no reference is made in the opinion, which holds the contrary doctrine. (The *Cleadon*, 1 Lushington, p. 160.)

From this point it follows that, inasmuch as there is nothing in our statutes which requires our Courts to treat as American vessels the vessels of all nations which have adopted regulations similar to ours, our Courts would not be called upon to treat the *Scotia* as an American vessel, to be governed by the American statute, and, inasmuch as that statute would not be binding on the English vessel, it should not, according to the rules adopted by the English Courts, be held binding upon either vessel.

This being so, the vessels must, of course, be bound by the law of the sea, and the question arose at once what was that law. Here is the important point of the decision. Taking the definition of the law of the sea, that it is *those rules and usages generally known and customarily observed by the vessels of the various nations navigating those seas*, the Judge finds that similar rules in regard to the lights and navigation of vessels at sea have been adopted by the United States, Great Britain, France, Spain, Prussia, Russia, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Belgium and Holland, and other maritime nations, and he, therefore, holds that those rules have become the law of the sea, and are to be enforced by Courts of Admiralty, not as the statutory law of this nation or that, but as the general law of the sea, which is binding upon all the vessels which navigate it.

This view is a new one; but it strikes us as eminently reasonable. Certainly if the Codes of the Rhodians, and of Oleron, and of Wisbuy were taken to declare the law of the sea, there is no reason why a Code which is agreed upon by all the great maritime nations of the present day, should not be held to be of equal binding force and extent. We shall expect to see the Courts of the other maritime nations adopt this view, and, by adopting it, they will be saved from the consideration of perplexing questions as to the effect of statute laws.

The Pollard Murder.

It seems that out of several hundred citizens called on in Richmond, Va., to try GRANT, indicted for the murder of POLLARD, only *two* were found who had not formed an opinion. Whether the opinions all the rest had formed, were such as ought to have disqualified them from acting as jurors, we are not informed; but they seem to have had that effect, as the Sheriff has gone into adjoining towns to find enough men who have *not* formed opinions, to form a jury.

We have seen as yet no direct proof of the fact that GRANT did shoot POLLARD in the manner alleged. That fact remains to be established by evidence. If it is established, it will remain for the defendant to show that the killing was not murder, but was justified or its guilt mitigated by the fact that POLLARD had made an unpleasant publication about GRANT'S sister. We presume the difficulty in getting a jury is due to the fact that nearly all the citizens of Richmond *justify* the killing on that ground. If so, the fact is not creditable to Richmond as a city pretending to be governed by law, and generally supposed to belong to a civilized, rather than a half-civilized or barbarous state of society.

The distinctive feature of a civilized community is that it is governed by *law*;—that of a savage state is that it knows nothing of law, but is governed by the private passions of its individual members. Crimes are committed in both, of very much the same character and involving the same results. But in civilized communities they are punished by the State, as offences against the general good, and by laws made for the common safety and applicable to all alike; whereas in a savage state, each person takes the redress of his own wrongs into his own hands and inflicts upon the offender such penalties as his own passions may prompt.

That individuals should do this in every community is inevitable; for there *will* be individual savages in every community, no matter how highly cultivated the mass of its people may be. But when such acts are perpetrated, and are approved and justified by the whole community, the inference is irresistible that the whole community is losing the distinctive characteristics of civilized society, and is falling into the habits and passions of the savage state.

This Grant business is likely to test the character of the City of Richmond in this respect. That POLLARD acted in a very disreputable and unprincipled manner,—that GRANT should have been very indignant about it, and that POLLARD should have incurred the resentment and forfeited the respect of the community by his conduct, is very natural and proper. And if GRANT had inflicted upon him personal chastisement, or affixed to his name and person some disgraceful and indelible brand, by way of penalty for an offence not properly provided for by law, he would not have violated essential justice or have incurred the serious censure of upright men. But when he deliberately *kills* him,—in a stealthy and cowardly way, he outrages every man's sense of justice and perpetrates as great a wrong on society at large as on his victim. And unless the community is utterly dead to the sense of justice, or under the control of the savages who live in it and make their own passions its law, it will take care that this wrong is redressed.

Richmond probably did not lose very much in losing POLLARD. But unless it punishes his assassin, the lives of the most worthy and valuable of its citizens are at the mercy of the outlaws who recognize no law but their own selfish passions.

The Cruelties of Lopez.

The wholesale cruelties attributed to LOPEZ in the late tidings from Paraguay, are almost too horrible to be believed. Exaggerated they doubtless are; yet a great number of slaughters, alike of prisoners and of Paraguayans, is substantiated by the testimony not only of the Allies, but of Americans, Italians, Germans and other neutrals who witnessed the evidence of the atrocities.

Conduct so infamous alienates from Marshal LOPEZ that admiration which his stubborn valor and patriotism inspire. No rage, no despair can justify cruelty, or excuse violation of the laws of war. To wreak vengeance on one's captives is the mark of savage warfare, not of the "religion, humanity and civilization" in whose cause the Paraguayan President claims to fight. When the Dictator declares he will offer another "holocaust to the blood already generously shed," and will "fight until God and the valor of our arms decide our cause," a sentiment of sympathy is uttered for him; but when that "holocaust" of victims turns out to be one of captives, sympathy turns to disgust.

The Brazilian and Argentine papers are crowded both with documentary and reported evidence of the Marshal President's outrages on the eve of flight. He had, it is said, a large number of prisoners taken out at Asuncion and summarily shot, lest they should be released by the enemy. Among these were his own brothers, BENIGNO and VENANCIO, for whom his aged mother pleaded with him in vain; his Bishop, PALACIOS, together with a priest; the young wife (a girl of 18,) of Col. MARTINEZ, whose only fault was that her husband had surrendered Humaita, after a protracted struggle, to the Allies; his own brother-in-law, BARRIOS, with his wife, the sister of LOPEZ; Minister BERGES and several other distinguished men. There is little doubt about these murders. Mr. WASHBURN has just received a letter from a German gentleman, who was in ASUNCION on the day of its evacuation by LOPEZ, and saw the brother-in-law and sister of LOPEZ, and "a large number of other Paraguayans," executed by his order.

In a retreat, the ferocious despot was terribly cruel to his prisoners. He let none be overtaken. If they lagged from wounds, exhaustion or sickness they were prodded on with the bayonet. If they sank, a knife or the butt of a musket finished them on the spot. In the retreat to Tebicuary, it is said, several hundred were killed in this way, while it is claimed that ninety prisoners, in two groups, were shot down at San Fernando; fifteen or twenty at Loma Negra soon after, and a large number at Villeta, in squads of a dozen at a time.

To his own army and people the Dictator has been equally cruel. The slightest dereliction in duty—even of drill or what not—is said to be punishable by death. His Vice-President was shot on mere suspicion. The wives and daughters of officers who surrendered were usually punished, and never with less than whipping. Torturing was resorted to, and whipping on stocks was common.

Such is a *résumé* of some of the atrocities charged upon LOPEZ. Many of them are doubtless greatly exaggerated, particularly the wholesale slaughter of prisoners, but there is enough left to fix upon LOPEZ the condemnation which such cruelty deserves.

Mr. Johnson on Army Reduction.

While Congress is busy in reducing the army, President JOHNSON is equally busy in endeavoring *not* to have it reduced. The batch of promotions he lately sent in to the Senate includes thirty-two in the navy, twenty-one in the army above the grade of Major, and a great number below that grade in the engineer corps, ordnance corps, the cavalry, artillery, and various regiments of infantry.

Now, considering that it is proposed by Congress to "make no more appointments or promotions" in the army until the force is very greatly reduced; that it is especially desirable to reduce and consolidate the staff, and perhaps do away with the ordnance corps in its present form altogether; and considering that, on the very day of these wholesale nominations, the body to which he sent them enacted that no new appointments should be made in the Adjutant-General's, the Inspector-General's, the Paymaster's, the Quartermaster's, the Commissary's, or the Medical Department, (where the majority of Mr. JOHNSON'S highest nominations are made,) surely this zeal of the President *not* to reduce the army, though but a week remains of his term, is remarkable. We can only compare it with the well-known fact that of the very many officers court-martialed and dismissed from the service during the last two years, hardly one has failed of being reinstated on applying to the President. Had these vacancies alone been left, the work of consolidation would now be far lighter.

When, however, in addition to habitually restoring cashiered and dismissed officers, Mr. JOHNSON also hurries in nominations by the hundred, his course becomes very singular. Whether he regards this last feat as a parting act of courtesy, or whether he regards army reduction as a joke, we do not know; but it is clear that he, at least, is determined not to aid it, and, on the contrary, will do his best to leave as little chance as possible to his successor for "absorption and consolidation."

The Press and the Army During the War—Facts for Gen. Slocum.

In his lecture the other night on the "Military Lessons of the Late War," Gen. SLOCUM took occasion to speak severely of the interference of the Press in the conduct of military affairs, and the damaging influence of its publications. We are not aware that he gave any facts in support of his statements, and we imagine that if called upon for specifications he would have some difficulty in producing and sustaining them.

No one doubts the enormous and decisive influence which the Union Press of the North exercised over popular sentiment during the war; and no one will ever forget how its tremendous enginery was employed to incite patriotic feeling and enthusiasm, sustain public faith, create and uphold the public credit, stimulate enlistments, compel energetic legislation, enlarge and strengthen the army, and enforce the doing of whatever was necessary to be done to secure the triumph of the Union through the passion and patience of the people and the struggles of the Union army. These things at least are beyond dispute; and we believe it is not claiming too much for the Union Press of the North to say that to it is due the supreme credit for the existence and display of those elements of spirit and force which bore the Union flag through storm and darkness to the unquestioned dominancy in which it now floats over the continent.

As for the charge that has so often been brought against it, that it injured the efficiency of our armies and the success of our Generals by its criticisms and exposures, all the evidence of facts and history are on the other side. Not by concealing weaknesses and defects are strength and perfection acquired. Not by upholding imbecility and folly in the management of affairs are vigor and genius produced. Not by permitting the popular power and energy to be wasted is success achieved. But on the contrary. And the effective way for which the loyal Press dealt with such matters as these, was felt at the time by quackery, treason and imbecility, and is still felt to-day by all who know the history of the war.

As to the old cry about the injury the Press wrought by the publication of the plans of commanders and the movements of troops, we supposed all that had passed away with the incapables who attempted to throw on the Press the blame for the failure of their own follies. No commander, who desired to keep the secret of his plans, had ever any difficulty about doing so; and no General, capable of covering his movements from the enemy, ever had cause to complain of their being uncovered by the Press. The correspondents in the army were always under the control of the commanding officers: and we may almost say that, to a man, the distinguished leaders to whom our victories and successes were due, hold the least fault to find with the communications which the Press gave to the country. SHERMAN was for a time embittered against army correspondents, because of the way in which the earlier manifestations of his genius were treated; but his enmity was exceptional, and was shared neither by GRANT, THOMAS, nor SHERIDAN. Gen. GRANT, the greatest planner, and most active campaigner, as well as most successful leader among all our Generals, always favored the correspondents of the Press, and the publication (to use his own language) "of all that any of them could find out about his plans or movements."

If Gen. SLOCUM were to cite single instances of the premature publication of military projects, and attempt to show the damage produced thereby, he should feel well assured of his facts. Frequently during the war, news that seemed to be prematurely given out, was published by the express permission or desire of the chief commanding officer. Great advantage was often gained by these announcements. We might, for example, mention a single case which made a great deal of noise at the time. We refer to the announcement, which was made in the TIMES of the 10th of November, 1864, of the intended "great march" of Gen. SHERMAN from Atlanta through Georgia and the Carolinas to Virginia. It has not heretofore been known that that "premature publication" was made under the express permission and with the full knowledge of Gen. U. S. GRANT; and it is a fact that the "premature announcement" subserved the purpose for which it was made.

Among the officers who took part in that great march under SHERMAN were Gen. SLOCUM, and he has doubtless felt, when he looked back over the files of the TIMES and found that the whole line of the march was published in our columns before it was begun, that we had been guilty of one of the crimes for which he berated the Press the other night. But he neither knew the origin of the publication nor the authority under which it was given. We could mention many similar facts about the action of the Press in such matters during the war,—facts which cannot be known, and have never even been surmised by Gen. SLOCUM, but which, now that he is apprised of their existence, ought to make him more cautious hereafter in speaking about the Press.

It is very foolish in Gen. SLOCUM to talk as he has lately done about the conduct of the Union Press during the war. It was one of the great controlling forces of national power; it was the force that created forces. Without it there would have been neither the elements that brought about success, nor the triumph that justified their employment.

MINOR TOPICS.

It turns out to be just as well, after all, that Congress has not adopted any of the financial measures of legislation that have been presented. The extraordinary advance in our bonds in Europe, and the prospect of our credit reaching par long before anybody expected it, add a new and highly important feature to our financial situation, and must be taken into account in legislation. The practical carrying out of GRANT'S four great measures,—retrenchment, economy, honesty, and faithful collection of the revenue,—will make it a very easy matter for the country to get out of all its financial difficulties in a reasonable time.

There is no doubt that BRAINE deserved death as a pirate and murderer; but his pardon and release by the President puts an end to his case. It would certainly have gone hard with him had he ever been brought to trial; but his counsel, doubtless on this account, have managed to postpone the trial from time to time—preferring to keep him in prison until his friends were successful in obtaining a pardon.

An extraordinarily active and excited movement was noted in the Public Funds on Saturday, as a further substantial improvement in prices, though through the early afternoon the dealings ran generally against ruling values, influenced by reports of a reaction (more or less grossly exaggerated) in United States Five-Twenties in the London market from 82, the highest figure yet made at that point. A variety of other vague and unfavorable rumors found currency for a while, including one to the effect that the Schenck Public Credit bill had been very formidably opposed in the Senate, and would probably fail to secure the anticipated support. The mischievous use made, or attempted to be made, of this rumor, may serve as an indication of the vital importance to the public credit of prompt affirmative action on the bill. The market was all much stronger at the close, and the bidding was again quite spirited, the tendency having been decidedly upward.

In another column we print a communication, which we heartily indorse, respecting Mr. BRADY'S invaluable collection of national photographic portraits. The matter is one of great interest and importance, and the suggestions of our correspondent are worthy of serious attention.

We have groaned so long over the decay of the "legitimate" drama, that it is all the more pleasant to notice its present "revival." For example, BOOTH'S "Romeo and Juliet"—"legitimate" enough certainly—is enjoying one of the largest and most successful runs it has ever had since SHAKESPEARE wrote the play—having just concluded its fourth week, and promising to draw for weeks to come. This great success shows that if managers are willing to present "legitimate" [illegible] and surprising fact [illegible] the public are ready to support them. Mr. BOOTH [illegible] entitled to the highest praise and [illegible] in America, and presents the plays with [illegible] taste and a liberality of expenditure [illegible] in the world. As a consequence the public are crowding his theatre every night.

STUART of Philadelphia and STEWART of New-York, STUART of Virginia and STEWART of Nevada are all urged for appointments in GRANT'S Cabinet. If they all get in we shall have a new Stuart dynasty, and GRANT will succeed by the Stuarts, as his ancestors did in bygone centuries.

The testimony lately taken in regard to the Metropolitan gas nuisance will be placed before the Board of Health to-day for their action. Of course it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of everybody who has read the testimony that the dry-lime process used in gas-making by the Metropolitan Company is exceedingly obnoxious to the public health. The nuisance should be peremptorily and immediately abated, and the Company should not be allowed to trifle longer over the matter any longer.

Two notable resolutions on diplomatic questions were introduced to the Senate on Saturday. One was by Senator SHERMAN, authorizing the recognition of Cuban independence whenever there shall be established an "independent Government *de facto*, according to the laws of nations." No doubt the recognition will be given when the conditions are fulfilled. But the resolution of Senator COLE, of California, is so extraordinary that we must quote it:

"*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to the Great Powers of Europe the grave concern with which the United States would regard any interference on the part of those Powers favoring the perpetuation of the Turkish supremacy in the islands of Greece."

It must be confessed that this protest in favor of the Cretans comes rather late. Greece has given up her pretensions, Turkish supremacy is established, and the two Governments are now on such terms of "amity" as they usually enjoy. None of the Great Powers have interfered, except by diplomacy; and none of them proposed, in the last resort, to do anything more than permit the Turks to take the Greeks in hand. If Senator COLE would read the European news, he would be able to get over his "grave concern."

The more regular children of the pen—if that term, *regular*, can be correctly employed, in this case—must feel rather jealous to see their business and domain intruded on by Bourbons and other "great oneyers." The members of that Capetian family, having fallen from the throne, are getting on the Press—setting themselves up in *bourgeois*, so to speak, leaded. Queen ISABELLA has been publishing a "fugitive piece" of protest, and Don HENRY, of Seville, has once and again come out, to "taunt her with the license of ink." But the most interloping case of all is that of the Duke of Aumale, who writes his regular articles for the London *Times*, and no doubt draws pay for them, thus taking the place of one of the customary Bohemians.

It is exceedingly gratifying to all lovers of human liberty to witness the creditable way in which the Spanish revolution continues to be conducted, in all the successive steps that are taken by its leaders. The admirable speech (published in the TIMES yesterday) delivered by Marshal SERRANO at the opening of the Cortes, enables us to maintain the hopes which we have always entertained, that the Spanish Liberals would be successful in founding a constitutional government. He displays moderation as well as ability, and gives indication that, now he is at the head of affairs, he will justify the faith that has always been placed in him by the advocates of liberal institutions. We hail with delight the entrance of Spain among the free nations of Europe.

There is one consideration which must damp a little the approaching triumph of our national enterprise, in the completion of the great Pacific Railway. The snows of the interior are at certain seasons sufficient to stop the trains for several days at a time. The track of the Union Pacific has been closed for near a fortnight, making a great accumulation of mail matter. A good supply of snow-plows and a regular corps of winter laborers must make part of the working system of that great thoroughfare. The projected northern road from Lake Superior would, probably, be smothered for months at a time; while the proposed southern route would, for this reason, have a great advantage over the others.

Some of the Washington people, under the order to restore the curious property of candelabras, dishes and plates, bureaus, chests of drawers, &c., once belonging to the First President, have probably felt like the Parisians in 1815, when the foreigners began to reclaim the spoils of the Louvre. But there is—or should be—only one way in cases of the kind; and such curiosities should have no character of plunder attaching to them. It was lucky that Mr. LYON thought of saving them in the confusion of 1862, when they would, otherwise, have been scattered or destroyed.

The Brooklyn Bank Robbery.

The Police have been searching for the thief who succeeded in robbing the safe of the Park Savings Bank, No. 1,132 Fulton-avenue, on Saturday last, but thus far without success. Yesterday morning, the tin box, which contained the bonds, &c., was found in the stable of JAMES BOYLAN, in Adelphi-street, near Flushing-avenue, where it had evidently been deposited by the thief. It was taken by BOYLAN to the Myrtle-avenue Station-house, when it was found to contain only a book, in which were the accounts of the Park Bank with the Nassau National Bank, showing deposits of nearly $60,000, several checks for small amounts, and other articles; but the bonds had been removed by the thief. All that the rascal really made by the robbery was about $150, as the bonds, which all pertain to the city, are worthless to him, from the fact that he cannot dispose of them without the indorsement of the bank officers. The circumstances show that this was one of the boldest bank robberies on record, the thief having abstracted the property from the safe, while the cashier of the bank, wholly unconscious of danger, stood but a short distance from him. It is thought that the Police may yet secure the thief.

Fire in Beekman-street.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out on the rear of the third floor of building No. 29 Beekman-street, and before the flames were extinguished they had caused a damage of about $60,000. The floor where the fire originated was occupied by C. W. BAKER, manufacturer of envelopes, and T. C. BAIRD, book publisher. The loss of BAIRD was about $8,000, and that of BAKER, who had no stock in the building, will not exceed $3,000. The fourth and fifth floors were occupied by BROWN & BRIDGMAN, manufacturers of charts and envelopes, whose large stock was totally consumed, and whose loss was about $20,000. The second floor was used by ROSS, BALDWIN & ROSS, whose stock of fancy calfskins was entirely destroyed, inflicting a loss of $10,000. W. H. AMES, dealer in paper, occupied the first floor, and his stock was so damaged by water that his loss is estimated at $15,000. The building was owned by the O'Connor estate, and cannot be repaired for less than $8,000. All of these losses are probably covered by insurance, but it being Sunday all of the occupants were absent and the facts could not be ascertained, except in the case of BAIRD, who is known to be fully insured. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP WESER.

The steamship *Weser*, which left Bremen Feb. 13 and Southampton Feb. 15, reached this port yesterday. We print below letters from our correspondents in England and in Spain. Writing from London, our correspondent discusses the Liberal Parliamentary Banquet, the national programme in Parliament, the recent election trials, and the movements and speeches of the American Minister to England. From Madrid we have accounts of the carnival in the Spanish metropolis, a view of the Government programme, and a variety of interesting news.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

The Carnival in Madrid—The Constituent Cortes—The Government Programme—The Coming Man—Civil War—Government Reforms—American Enterprise—Mr. Hale's Receptions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1869.

The Carnival has been in full blast for the last three days, and a stranger visiting Madrid just at this time would never suppose that it belongs us to the eve of events which may convert all this mummery into bloodshed and mourning. Out of the hundreds of thousands who participate in the revelry—for all classes, high and low, take their share in it—there are but few who bestow a thought on the possible results of the deliberations of that body which is to assemble to-morrow to decide upon the destinies of Spain. Even PRIM, as he rode along the Prado yesterday attended by a brilliant staff, probably suffered his thoughts to be diverted from his ambitious projects by the motley features and gay abandon of the scene.

Although the turn-out of fine equipages has not, owing to the absence of the aristocracy from the capital, been equal to that of previous years, a stranger could not fail to be struck with the display of taste and wealth which the cavalcade has presented every afternoon between 4 and 6. There was not a family in Madrid which neither owns or could afford to hire a carriage, that was not to be found in the file. In many of the most aristocratic of these equipages there was one or more masks. Where none of the family were thus costumed, the coachman and footman wore dominoes, with steeple-crowned hats, ornamented with ribbons, so as to entitle the vehicle the privilege of passing out of the ranks. Flying along on horseback, through the centre of the avenue, were to be seen maskers in every variety of fantastic attire, the female element travestied by the wild boys of the University, eliciting shouts of laughter by their equestrianism on saddle and crupper. To add to the enjoyment of the scene, the weather since the commencement of the carnival has been delicious. You can form no idea of the beauty of the afternoons in this high altitude at this season of the year. Cloudless skies, a sun genial without being oppressive, and a total absence of the chilling Northers which at other times visit us, contribute to render the scene one of the most enjoyable that can be imagined. Another distinguishing feature of it is the perfect order which is preserved from the opening to the close of the festivities. Although we are on the eve of exciting events and political passions run high, I have not heard of a single instance in which obnoxious persons have been insulted or otherwise annoyed. I saw plenty of them in their carriages on the drive, and in the license which is allowed on these occasions, it might have been expected that they would have been singled out as the butts of the popular humor, but nothing of the sort occurred. The good taste and sense of self-respect which are the dominant characteristics of the lower orders here prevent them from carrying into their amusements any feeling of ill-humor and bitterness.

As the crowd was returning from the Prado in the evening an incident occurred at the corner of the Calle Seville and Calle de Principe which is worthy of notice. The host was being carried to a dying man, and immediately on the procession making its appearance the revellers unmasked and knelt reverently, a band which happened to be on the spot striking up the Royal March, which is invariably played on such occasions. Some of the students protested against the choice of this air; but their remonstrances were unheeded. You can judge from this little episode of the true character of the Madrid population.

THE CONSTITUENT CORTES.

The one hundred and twenty Deputies whose names were attached to the manifesto of conciliation assembled yesterday evening at the Palace of the Cortes to nominate their ticket for the organization of the Chamber. The following were unanimously selected: President, Don NICOLAS MARIA RIVERO; Vice-Presidents, CANTERO, VEGA ARMIJO, VALERIA (Don CRISTOVAL,) and MARTOS; Secretaries, SARDOAL, LLANO Y PERSI and OLOZAGA (Don CELESTINO.)

You will see from the above that M. SALUSTIANO OLOZAGA, the prime mover in the monarchical scheme of the 12th of November, and who aimed at the Presidency of the Chambers has been cast aside, and the man whom he inveigled over from the Republican Party appointed in his place. It is true that this list is only provisional for the organization of the House, but there is very little doubt of its being ratified by the general vote. The rejection of OLOZAGA is hailed with great satisfaction by the public. He is looked upon as a man entirely without principle, though of unquestionable ability, and his occupancy of a position which is of so much importance at the present moment would have been a great danger for the country.

I happened to be at the railroad station this morning when M. OLOZAGA arrived from Paris. Gen. PRIM, MADOZ, VENANCIO GONZALEZ, the Director of the Telegraph, and one or two other officials were there to receive him. MADOZ took OLOZAGA aside and conversed with him long and earnestly, Gen. PRIM remaining apart all the while.

THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

It is difficult to get at the truth in regard to the course decided on by the Government, but I think I am safe in stating that the Directory scheme has been abandoned. After the Chamber is organized a formal resignation of their posts will be made by the Ministers, but they will be again provisionally appointed to conduct the affairs of the country until the new Monarch is elected. It is stated that Señor FIGUEROLA, the Minister of Finance, is very anxious to retire, and there may consequently be some slight modification in the present ministerial arrangements. As regards the three principal members of the Administration, SERRANO, PRIM and TOPETE, there will be no change. The two candidates for the throne, whose claims will be seriously discussed with the approbation of the Ministry, will be the Duc DE MONTPENSIER and Don FERNANDO of Portugal. The partisans of the former express themselves quite confident of the result, and, perhaps, with reason, for it is notorious that since the arrival of the new Deputies in Madrid large amounts of money have been drawn for on the houses here which hold deposits from the Orleans family. It is not the fortune of the Duc DE MONTPENSIER alone which is being drawn upon for his election. All the family consider they have a personal interest in it, and have subscribed largely to the fund by which it is sought to purchase his way to the throne.

It is useless for me to attempt any fresh revision of the statement which I furnished you of the probable constitution of the Chamber. The first vote will do this more accurately than I can pretend to do. I persist, however, in stating that when the vacant seats caused by the double elections are filled up and the deputies from Cuba and Porto Rico take their places, the Republicans will number at least one hundred and ten. They may also count on some gains from the wing of the Democratic Party which acts under RIVERO. Several Deputies have been elected under Democratic colors who are known to be steady in their Republican convictions.

"THE COMING MAN."

In spite of the adverse appearance of things, PRIM is said to be on firmly determined as ever to try his chance of becoming "Chief of the State." He takes every opportunity of showing himself in public, surrounded by the pomp and circumstance which are due to such a personage, and quite recently he attended a [illegible] accompanied by a bodyguard of cavalry. He tried hard to force officers personally attached to him into the higher grades of the army, but on this point SERRANO has remained firm, and there have consequently been several bitter altercations between them. Gen. CABALLERO DE RODAS, who is a creature of SERRANO, has been very outspoken and violent of late in his denunciations of PRIM. A few days ago he took a letter to the *Politica* assailing him in unmeasured terms, and it was only after great persuasion that he was induced to waive its publication. If PRIM imagines that he will be sustained in his pretensions by the army he is greatly mistaken. The best thing he could do would be to pass over body and boots to the Republican Party, get elected as President, and then try a coup d'état after the fashion of LOUIS NAPOLEON.

CIVIL WAR.

If the Duc DE MONTPENSIER should succeed in battling his way to the throne, nothing can save the country from anarchy. The Carlists have been receiving large amounts of arms, and are now thoroughly prepared for a movement. There is every reason to believe that the French Emperor will favor their plans, in the event of the selection of the Orleans Prince. There can be no question as to the fact of the Isabellists and Carlists having fused. Their programme is the Prince of Asturias for King with DON CARLOS as Regent. *Ulbomne projects et Dieu disposes.* DON CARLOS will have the best of this bargain. The poor little Prince is the fly which has stepped into the spider's parlor.

The Government is fully aware of the dangers which threaten it from this quarter, and each day's *Correspondencia* brings the announcement of some fresh dispatch of troops to the frontier. Within a short time there will not be less than 40,000 men concentrated there. There are few well-informed people here who believe in the peaceable accomplishment of the plan of a democratic monarchy. Compromises of this sort have never been very successful, and in Spain they have no chance at all. Absolutism or a republic are the only alternatives which the Spanish mind will admit of.

THE MEXICAN GURGENT SCHEME.

Wild as this project may seem it has not been abandoned. It has been merely consigned to abeyance for the present to await the turn that events may take here.

GOVERNMENT REFORMS.

Admiral TOPETE has issued a decree reforming the organization of the infantry of marine. Out of the six independent battalions of which it is at present composed three regiments are to be formed. This will give an opportunity for the appointment of three colonels and as many lieutenant-colonels. In that fact you will find the motive of the decree.

NEW FIREARMS AND CONTRACTS.

American inventors are busy here pushing through their schemes for a share of the public contracts. Gen. BURNSIDE has, I believe, got his secured, through the aid of Mr. HORATIO PERRY, Secretary to the United States Legation, who has been doing a handsome thing in this line of business. Would it not be well for some one to inquire at the State Department whether such pursuits are compatible with the functions of an American diplomatist. A specimen of the Winchester repeating gun has arrived here, and will be at once submitted to the War Department for experiment. This is the weapon which was recently approved of and adopted by the Swiss Commission after a careful comparison with other muskets.

MR. HALE'S RECEPTIONS.

The Monday receptions at the house of the American Minister have been put a stop to by Lent. They have been well attended by the members of the Diplomatic Corps.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Liberal Parliamentary Banquet—Justice to Ireland—Election Trials—The Ballot—The American Minister—London Charities.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1869.

Ash Wednesday and Lent bring us to the eve of the great event of the English year, the meeting of the Assembled Wisdom.

LIBERAL PARLIAMENTARY BANQUET.

The great Liberal Parliamentary Banquet this week, at the Fishmongers' Hall, was a very magnificent affair in the way of dinner, lights, music, fair ladies, and all sorts of splendor, but in all other respects a miserable *fiasco*. Mr. GLADSTONE was solemn and earnest, but reticent and weak. The Master Warden had complimented him with a tender conscience as his chief gift, and it grew so very tender that he dared put forth no programme and make no promises. The rest were obliged to follow their leader's example. Mr. LOWE was all but witless, and Mr. BRIGHT was dull. Never was there an incoming Administration, flushed with victory, that had less to say for itself. The only man who seemed master of the occasion was the Chairman—head Fishmonger, in fact. He opened in great force with the first of the loyal toasts, that to Her Majesty the Queen, telling the company why she was so much beloved by the Fishmongers. "It is," he said, "because she is the model of all constitutional sovereigns, the pattern of all domestic virtues, the envy of all other countries, and the pride and glory of our own." After that it is scarcely to be wondered at if the lesser lights, Her Majesty's Ministers, paled their ineffectual fires.

I said they were dull; of course I mean comparatively. Mr. LOWE, who is immersed in Treasury retrenchments, did say that all men lived economy in the abstract, but none in the concrete, and he cornucopied mildly about saving money by mending pens. Mr. BUCHOT's only memorable joke was that there might be a stranger thing done than to make him a Bishop, considering what sort of Bishops we have already, while Mr. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE, the Irish Secretary, enlivened the scene by telling an Irish story as good as new, to illustrate English ignorance of the little constitutional peculiarities of the sister island. An Englishman dining with one of the Irish Judges, when there was some disturbance in the country, innocently asked why they did not call out the *posse comitatus* and put it down." "Because," said the Judge, "our whole business in this country is to try and put down the *posse comitatus*." It has been a long up-hill business, and now they are going to let the *posse comitatus* have its own way, remove whatever don't suit it, and see if it won't get quiet at last and keep so. A dull, and, it is hoped, industrious, Parliament has no end of work cut out for it. Disestablishment, education, the ballot, the poor laws, crime, trade, emigration, government of the metropolis, telegraph, railways—these are a few of the vast and intricate subjects that are loudly demanding legislative interference.

JUSTICE TO IRELAND.

The first thing on the national programme is justice to Ireland, which must come now, because it cannot be safely put off any longer. The Irish are importunate and troublesome. They will not take no for an answer; hence they will get what they want, after a weary waiting. The new Lord Lieutenant, Earl SPENCER, dined with the Lord Mayor of Dublin a few days ago. At his bidding was Cardinal CULLEN. The soon-to-be disestablished Anglican Archbishop was not present. As he could not get his own consent to walk in to dinner behind, and take his seat below, a red-hatted, red-stockinged Cardinal, and listen to the speeches he must have listened to on the occasion, he wisely kept away.

The speech of Earl SPENCER was as conciliatory and hopeful as one from the Lieutenant of the Queen and Mr. GLADSTONE ought to be. The urgent want of Ireland, he thought, was manufactures. For them they had every facility—plenty of good harbors, abundant coal fields a few hours distant, fine rivers, an admirable climate and no lack of labor. All they needed was capital, and that was close at hand and ready to flow in in any desired quantity. The sole condition it required was peace and security. Religious equality, now about to be established, he hoped would give peace, and universal education secure it. There would then be no bar to the prosperity of Ireland, and all this by the simple method of Church disestablishment. In the name of all the senses, common and uncommon, why was not this plan adopted centuries ago? It would have saved [illegible] and Mr. DISRAELI might have still been Prime Minister. All the woes of Ireland, recorded in story and song, the persecutions, massacres and terrors of ELIZABETH, CROMWELL, WILLIAM of Orange; the Scotch system of the penal laws, the conspiracies of Whiteboys, Ribbonmen, Fenians; all for the maintenance of a Church Establishment for scarcely one-tenth of the population, and now declared to be a blunder to be put aside—a nuisance to be abated! And all this it was left to Mr. GLADSTONE to discover and he never found it out until one day he found himself out of office—and the place he wanted occupied by Mr. DISRAELI. Then, all suddenly it dawned upon him—a wonderful political inspiration. "*In hoc signo vinces.*" The Church was that day doomed, and Mr. GLADSTONE is Prime Minister—ruler of "the greatest Empire in the world."

Under the circumstances, I do not see how the Archbishop of Dublin could dine with the Lord Lieutenant and Cardinal CULLEN. It was but a day or two before that he and his doomed fellow Bishops had begged the Queen to allow them to meet in Convocation, if only to set their house in order, and try to save something from the impending destruction. They got a short, sharp, decisive "No!" from the Home Secretary; and the Queen went to visit a convent with Lady CHURCHILL.

ELECTION TRIALS—THE BALLOT.

The election trials which have filled the papers for weeks; the exposures of scenes of drunkenness, corruption and ruffianism; the naive indignation of the Judges who talk as if they had been quite ignorant of such practices, and supposed that the hustings and petty booths were as pure as their own ermine—and this is not a figure of speech, for the Judges actually wear real ermine tippets—the exposures of bribery, fraud, profligate debauchery of whole populations, and an utter despotism of "undue influence" have told very strongly in favor of the adoption of the ballot, which these simple, inexperienced people imagine would put an end to all their difficulties. Even old opponents have become enthusiastic friends of the silent snowflake system. Sir C. W. DILKE, in a speech at a recent Liberal banquet, in which he described himself as a lame duck from the recent contest, said no man could understand the question of the ballot who had not undertaken to canvass an agricultural district. Every man's answer, when asked how he intended to vote was the same—"I shall vote as master votes." "What!" said the indignant Baronet, "have you no principles?" "Noa, we's no principles; it makes no difference to us who goes to Parliament, but to keep on the right side of the Squire makes a deal of difference." And so it would if they had the ballot. As if the Squire would not know how every man voted just as well as he does now! What is wanted for the independence and purity of English politics is intelligence, honesty, manliness. As for a man concealing his principles, or his vote, sneaking to the ballot box and furtively dropping in a sealed ticket as he would an anonymous letter, voting as he would rob a hen-roost—it all seems very ridiculous.

But the ballot is now declared to be even more necessary for the manufacturing towns than for the rural districts. These brave English artisans, who got up so many monster meetings and processions in order to get the right of suffrage, (which had been wrested from them at some time and in some way I do not at this moment remember,) are now afraid to vote, when they have gained the inestimable privilege, on account of their employers, the manufacturers. So the brave artisans want the means of exercising the first right of freemen so that nobody will know how they do it. If it were not for the name of being a freeman, a man might almost as well be a slave. So as town and country voters alike plead cowardice and mortal dread of manufacturers and landlords, we shall have the ballot; and you may expect agents to be sent to America by both parties to see how it can be best managed to secure the interests of candidates and voters, the bribers and the bribed.

After all, the simple view of the case which strikes the minds of most Englishmen is this: "I am not obliged to have tenants, servants or workmen who will go to the polls and vote against my interests, and to destroy the value of the very property or business which gives them a living, and I won't. If any man on my estate, or in my factory, does not choose to vote as I do, he may also choose to find another landlord or employer. This is a free country—as free for landlord as for tenant; as free for master as for servant." And in what way, I should like to know, can you hinder a man from carrying this view of the case into practice? They will try the ballot, and it will fail, because the ballot cannot change human nature. It may be a convenient instrument enough, but here it is exalted into a principle.

HON. REVERDY JOHNSON.

Our wonderful Minister is now gone on a starring tour to Scotland, and has had a very jolly time indeed at Glasgow and Edinburgh. They talked free trade to him, and he with his never-failing amiability assured them that the Americans are a sharp, sensible, practical people, and they will be sure to adopt free trade the moment they see that it is giving this country any advantage over them! Mr. JOHNSON also told them that he had been accused of dividing with too much haste the secrets of diplomacy, when the fact was that he had signed two protocols, and in each case the first announcement of the fact was made on the day following in the London *Times*, which must have got the news from its own Foreign Office. In one case he admitted having let the cat out of the bag, the night before signing the first protocol, at the dinner at Guildhall; but he held that the worst use you could make of a bag was to keep a cat in it, and the worst use of a cat to tie him up in a bag. On the whole, if a man is in a position to make excuses for anything, I don't see that he could do it better than Mr. JOHNSON. What Earl RUSSELL will say to his version of a conversation he had with him the other day about the *Alabama*, I cannot guess. "It was all along of English red tape," Earl RUSSELL said. "Of course they knew it was all wrong, and must be stopped; but there was the slow and orderly way of doing it; and what with one delay and another, she escaped." "But why didn't you stop her afterward, in the first English port she entered?" "Oh, that's easy enough to say; but the officials were always in the same difficulty." This may be all true enough—but Earl RUSSELL may not care to have this version come out as an appendix to the volumes he has written on the subject to Mr. ADAMS. The Manchester people are reluctant to admit that they are backsliders from free trade, and the *Times* comforts them by the assurance that ignorance, and ignorance alone, can make any people wish for protection. It may be natural enough for Americans, the people of all the British colonies, the French and people of the Continent generally, to go for protection, for they are all ignorant of the first principles of political economy; but Manchester, centre of intelligence and cotton twist, ought cheerfully to starve rather than go against a single axiom of RICARDO or MILL. Better is a crust of bread on free-trade principles, than roast beef and protection therewith. If the cotton industry dies out, if the iron trade is transferred to other regions, be comforted in knowing that it is in accordance with the laws of trade, and that what is your loss is somebody's gain. This is liberty, equality, fraternity; free trade is the commercial expression of the brotherhood of man—the solidarity of the race. All this is beautiful preaching, but I am afraid that a profit of one farthing more in a pound to the capitalist, or a shilling a week higher wages to the man would have more influence. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON hit the nail square on the head. Show that free trade gives you an advantage and everybody will be eager to adopt it.

It is but justice to say that the *Times* is right—unanswerably right—right every time in its logic respecting the balance of trade. It is an utter fallacy to talk of the balance of trade against a country because it pays for a portion of its imports in gold instead of lead or iron—one being as much an export as the other. That's so. But as Mr. LINCOLN would have said: I used to know a farmer in Indiana who had a little illustration of the case on his farm. He had four daughters, smart, industrious girls, and he gave milk, butter, cheese and warm clothing, sold off the surplus, and were very comfortable and happy. But fashions change, and one day the farmer came home and found that his daughters had sold cows, sheep, looms and spinning wheels, and with the proceeds had bought each of them a very handsome silk gown and a nice piano. As a trade, nothing could be more satisfactory. The dresses were beautiful—the music exquisite; or would be when they had spent their whole time for a few years in learning to play. The farmer was entirely convinced that his clever girls had made an excellent bargain, but he could not see how he was to get butter and cheese, flannel shirts and stockings, nor how the silk dresses and piano would pay for his little comfortable grocery. And even Mr. MILL, great philosopher as he is, has forgotten to explain it.

LONDON CHARITIES.

More than two pages of the *Times* has been filled with a condensed statement of the statistics of London charities, distributing alms to the amount of £3,000,000 sterling; a statement which threw a *Times* leader-writer into a state of "bewilderment, incredulity, disgust and despair." Three of these sensations may vanish in time, but the last will remain. London Charities are beggary in excelsis. The crossing-sweeper with his broom at the next corner, is the exact type of the Honorable Secretary with his £300 a year salary, sending out his thousands of circulars, and collecting guinea subscriptions from all parts of the kingdom, to educate his own family and demoralize a few more beggars, who give him this employment. These are the vaunted charities of London—her pride and boast—and it costs one-half the money collected to get the other half, and half of that to spend it. The foundations are worse—but people do not care much for them. Seven hundred years ago some good old soul left a house and garden in the city as a perpetual maintenance for three poor women and a cat. The property is worth now £40,000 a year. Three poor women and their cat—friends of the trustees—are maintained; and the rest of the income, £39,550 per annum, is expended in salaries on the uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews as secretaries, treasurers, chaplains, visitors, &c., who see to the proper distribution of alms, catechise the old women, and stroke the cat.

Four million pounds a year cast into the slough of London poverty by 1,000 charitable societies, makes it only the broader and deeper. Can you wonder that there is "bewilderment, incredulity, disgust and dispair," at the contemplation not only of this vast misery, but at the remedies which only aggravate the disease? Yet you tell me that pauperism is better managed in London than in New-York. I cannot dispute it; but if so, then your "bewilderment, &c.," ought to be in proportion. MONADNOCK.

Brady's Gallery of National Personages—Suggestions as to its Preservation.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Several of the leading City Journals have brought to the public consideration, with much force, within the past year or two, the value and importance of some effective mode to place on a secure basis for use and preservation Mr. BRADY's invaluable collection of what may be not inaptly styled national photographic portraits.

The extent and completeness of this collection are well known. It has probably no superior in the galleries of photographic art in the world; certainly none in the United States. It needs no minuteness of description from me. It is sufficient that it embraces most of the prominent men and many striking scenes of a marked stretch of time in the history of the nation—historical names before the civil war, and participators in the war, on both sides of that dire conflict.

All paintings, pictorial sketches, and we may now include photographic portraits, which float about in marked periods of a nation's history, are necessarily of an ephemeral existence and are lost, unless collected and preserved by a nation's care and forethought. In the lapse of time these will be mainly effaced from the recollection or knowledge of coming generations, and can be traced only by "counterfeit presentments" through the aid of canvas or photography. The latter opens a source of transmission of the lineaments of statesmen, heroes, publicists, poets and writers, unknown to the ancients, but precious to us and to the age in which we live. If the products of this last mode of transmission be not treasured and preserved, one generation may look in vain to antecedent times for anything like a general knowledge of the features of historical personages. For the few portraits of the men of the Revolution to which there is anything like public access, we are indebted to the fortunate circumstance that Col. TRUMBULL was not less an artist than a patriot and a member of Gen. WASHINGTON's staff, who persisted in perpetuating in canvas (then no other mode) the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the four accompanying interesting Revolutionary scenes—the "Battle Before Quebec," ("Death of Montgomery,") the "Surrender of Burgoyne," "Washington Taking Leave of the Army," and the "Surrender of Cornwallis." These four paintings embrace nearly all the Revolutionary faces, (except occasionally family portraits in the seclusion of private life,) which have been preserved beyond the period in which they figured. In the instance of the Signers of the Declaration, they have undoubtedly the merit of fidelity, since Col. TRUMBULL was in intimate association with them at the time, and most of them sat to him. This remark is less applicable to the surrender pieces, and to Gen. WASHINGTON's leave-taking; for most of the participants, it will be seen, whether American or English, *look alike*—an objection which could not exist in the use of photography, for exact art being the limner, the portrait must be true to life. But Col. TRUMBULL's efforts to multiply copies for general circulation by engravings, were attended with peculiar difficulties. The art of engraving not being sufficiently advanced in this country to produce the superior style of line engraving required by his artistic eye, he proceeded to London, and at large cost brought out the admirable series of line engravings, not, however, until long afterward known to his countrymen, beyond a few intimate friends. When brought home, finding he could not afford them at less than $50 each set, and not meeting with a ready appreciation and sale at that price, he indignantly nailed them up in boxes, and did not open them until the lapse of fifty years! Thus, perhaps, a thousand scattered engravings and the four fine paintings in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, are all that remain of the revolutionary portraits which can by possibility be open to the general public eye. But who would part at any price with these inestimable relics of revolutionary life! And yet what a combination of circumstances is required to gather and preserve (in the absence of photography) even these few to the present time!

In their notices of this subject, and the importance of preserving this great collection for future use and observation, and from the hazard of fire and the certainty of being scattered and dispersed, the Press have suggested that it be purchased by or deposited with the New-York Historical Society. Certainly to the keeping of no institution, not national in its organization, could it be more appropriately confided than to a Society which occupies an exalted place in the annals of history and letters in this country. But this collection is national in its nature, and ought to belong to the nation and be deposited where it may be open to the inspection at will of citizens of all quarters of the Republic. Hence its true position is in the Capitol at Washington, in an appropriate room, open at certain hours every day. And certainly in no place in the Union could it be more securely deposited, more easy of access, and where more ample room for its occupancy could be so easily provided.

The effect of this collection at the seat of Government upon the popular mind in all sections could not fail to be salutary. The gathering, as it were, of citizens of all quarters of the Republic, face to face, in a single gallery, would contribute to revive and perpetuate a spirit of good-will; and which is sorely to dissipate old prejudices, would rekindle a sacred love of country and promote a spirit of good-fellowship.

Aside from these considerations, Mr. BRADY's zeal nearly from the origin of the photographic art to the present moment, the devotion of his great establishment for years to this object, his liberal views and large expenditure, the persistent and well-directed efforts with which he has pursued the original design during all the interesting years and striking events of his times, deserve recognition and are entitled to reward.

EDWIN CROSWELL.

No. 263 LEXINGTON-AVENUE, WASHINGTON'S Birthday, 1869.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

There was a good attendance at the matinée on Saturday—the lower part of the house being filled with brilliant toilettes, and the upper part also being occupied to a comfortable extent. "L'Etoile du Nord" was the opera performed. It was rendered somewhat better than on the first occasion, but it is evident that a work of this character requires something more than the hasty preparation bestowed on an opera by DONIZETTI. The leading artists, of course, know their parts, but they have no followers. Completeness in every detail is essential to a good performance of MEYERBEER's music, especially his light music, and this cannot be secured when the chances of repeating an opera are uncertain.

The past week, considered financially, was a tame one; artistically, it gave us several Italian works, done creditably, but with no result. MEYERBEER is the rage, and his larger works only please. Tomorrow Miss KELLOGG, our only American prima donna, makes her reappearance in one of her best roles—Marguerite, in "Faust." This splendid artiste will undoubtedly be received with enthusiasm—as she deserves to be. It is her farewell engagement. In the Spring she goes to Europe to fulfill her numerous contracts.

OPERA BOUFFE.

Mr. GRAU's revival of "Genevieve de Brabant" meets with general acceptance, and the piece is therefore continued on the bills. Mme. ROSEBELL was sick last week, and was unable to appear on the night of her benefit, which had in consequence to be postponed. She is, however, announced for to-night. There will be no performance at the Theatre Français on Wednesday—the house being closed to prepare for the grand ball on Thursday.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There were three concerts on Saturday evening—mostly of a semi-private or personal character. At Steinway Hall Mrs. ANNA PATNE gave her fourth annual concert. The lady is well known in musical circles, and, is a concert singer of more than average ability. She was assisted by Mr. LEGGATT, a gentleman who possesses a good voice and a bad, close method; by Mrs. CRUGER and by Mr. J. N. PATTUSCH, the pianist, who played brilliantly. At Irving Hall the concert was for the benefit of the Spanish Episcopal Church of Santiago. A very fashionable audience was present, attracted not only by the occasion, but by the artists who interpreted the programme. Mme. D'ANGRI has seldom been heard to better advantage. She was ably supported by Mmes. MUSGRAVE, MEISSELL and Miss ARMSTRONG; also by Signor BOY—who has a voice worthy of being transplanted to the opera—Mr. G. F. HALL, and others. The programme was mainly vocal, and familiar at that. It was rendered with animation. At this concert, and at the one to which we shall now refer, Mlle. JOSEFINA PILOMENO appeared. The *soirée musicale* of Signora ELENA LANARI was given at Chickering's Rooms, No. 11 East Fourteenth-street. We have had occasion heretofore to speak of the lady. She has a cultivated voice, a pure Italian style, and an intelligent knowledge of the difficult art of phrasing. As a concert singer she has but few superiors. Signor RONCONI assisted; also, Signor LAFUENTE—a pianist of much power, but of no originality—all his pieces being modeled after GOTTSCHALK. Mlle. PILOMENO played a piece by GOTTSCHALK, "Murmures Æoliens," and, at Irving Hall, another piece by the same composer from "I Lombardi." She is a careful and neat artiste, with a temperament that is clearly musical, but she seems to be divided between two instruments, the piano and the violin, and we think she excels on the latter. The fantasia caprice of VIEUXTEMPS has rarely been given more daintily than it was by this lady on Saturday night. Her nature seemed to express itself more freely with the bow than on the finger-board. She is certainly a young lady of marked promise.

Both the Sunday concerts were well attended last evening. At Irving Hall the Mendelssohn Orchestral Union introduced several new numbers, and Mr. LEVY, the great cornet player, executed an air and variations by DE BERIOT, and subsequently a melody by SCHUBERT, in a way that was absolutely faultless. Mrs. ARNOLD, a lady pianist, made a successful *début*, and Mr. ARNOLD played a violin solo effectively. At Steinway Hall there was a fine selection of orchestral music. The soloists were Mme. GUERRETTI (soprano) and Mr. AUGUST ARNOLD, (piano.) The lady is widely and favorably known as a member of Mr. GRAU's troupe; the gentleman is from Berlin, and new to the community. He played the concerto in G minor by MENDELSSOHN, and the Polonaise in A flat by CHOPIN—morceaux which, at all events, are sufficiently known. Mr. ARNOLD's touch is good, his execution clean and distinct, and his power more than ordinarily great, without being noisy. Of the many new pianists who have appeared to the public this season, Mr. ARNOLD is, we think, the best,—and a long way the best.

Theatrical.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

"Romeo and Juliet" is of course the only wear at this establishment. There is nothing whatever to announce, except that the attendance is always great; that there is a matinée on Saturday, and that Mr. EDWIN ADAMS plays in the evening of that day.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

"Much Ado About Nothing," with its beautiful *mise en scene* and costumes, will shortly be withdrawn. Mr. ROBERTSON's new play of "School" is already in active preparation, and will be brought out as soon as possible. No one should miss the opportunity of seeing SHAKESPEARE's great comedy. The chance may not soon occur again, for after all it seems that the "divine Williams" does not pay.

VARIOUS NOTES.

Some changes have occurred at Booth's Theatre. Mr. MARK SMITH, we hear, has resigned his position of stage manager, although he still remains a member of the company, and Mr. FRANK LAWLOR has fulfilled for the past week the part of *Tybalt*, in place of its previous representative, whose notorious predisposition to "indisposition" might have excused engagement in the first place. There was once a manager who used to append to all his advertisements for actors with this significant line: "No talented drunkards need apply."

Miss BLANCHE GREY has been received in "Erica" and "Kenilworth" at the Washington theatre with all her former favor. On Friday night there was an alarm of fire at this theatre, (the National,) which caused intense excitement, some people being terribly crushed. Nothing serious happened, however, and there was no foundation for the alarm.

The dramatic season at Fisk's Opera House will scarcely begin before the 1st of April. Mr. TAYLEURE, who has been some time in Paris on business connected with his proposed programme, is to start on his returning voyage to-morrow, the 20th. Shakspearian spectacle, as we have already announced, is to be the opening attraction. "The Tempest" will be produced with such splendid accessories as Mr. TAYLEURE has been able to purchase in London and Paris. It is asserted that SARDOU's new historical drama, which has not yet been done in France, has been purchased for the new Opera House by Mr. TAYLEURE, and will constitute the second programme of the new season.

Cheap entertainments yield rich profits, we should judge. The most popular god of the variety business, the elaborate Mr. TONY PASTOR, has recently become a landed proprietor to the extent of a brown-stone "mansion" worth $17,000. The money has contributed this amount to Mr. PASTOR's account in twenty-five-cent currency change.

CHANFRAU, the comedian, is in Texas. LOTTA appears at the Boston Theatre on the 15th of March. LOUISE WESTON and her sister's husband (J. A. HERN) are starring together in Virginia City. HERMANN, conjuror, who attempted to murder his wife in Omaha, has been sent to prison for fourteen years.

Missouri State Bonds.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have observed the old bonds of the State of Missouri (issued before the Legal-Tender act) are payable by their terms in "*gold and silver.*" Since the United States Supreme Court has decided that such contracts cannot be *paid* in "greenbacks," are not the holders of such bonds justified in expecting that good State to sustain its credit by making its future payments of interest and principal of such bonds in "gold and silver," according to the terms of the contract? P. S.

We reply to our correspondent that a State cannot be sued in the United States Courts, but the Railway Companies that indorsed and negotiated these Bonds might be, after they mature in 1873 to 1877, if Specie payments should not then have been resumed, or the State should refuse to abide the letter of the contract, which we hope Missouri will then be too rich and prosperous (to say nothing of the legal question) to do.—[ED. TIMES.

The Catholic Troubles in Auburn—Card from Father O'Flaherty.

The Auburn *News* of yesterday publishes a long card from Rev. THOMAS O'FLAHERTY, who was removed from the pastorship of the Church of the Holy Family in that city, by the Catholic Bishop. After thanking his congregation and the American people of the city for their kindness, Mr. O'FLAHERTY says:

There are three questions at issue.

First—Has Bishop MCQUADE a right to force a priest on the congregation of the Holy Family against their will, so universally expressed last Sunday? I maintain he has no such right, especially as this priest is well known to the people, and was removed from here before by an order from the Holy See, directed to Bishop TIMON. Yet, I do now, as I did last Sunday, advise the congregation to receive him for peace sake, and wait for the Providence of God to rectify matters.

Second—Has Bishop MCQUADE a right to remove me from my position as Pastor and Rector of the Church of the Holy Family, without canonical cause—without sufficient reason? I maintain he has no such right. He has not given any cause whatever, or any reason for such course of action. I claim to be still Pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, although not exercising jurisdiction.

Third—Has Bishop MCQUAID a right to suspend me from the "exercise of the ministry," because forsooth I will not accept another parish from him. I maintain he has no such right. I subjoin his letter to me:

Rev. Thomas O'Flaherty:

REVEREND SIR: As you have refused to go to the mission to which I appointed you, and have made known to the public through the newspapers your determination not to leave Auburn, I hereby suspend you from the exercise of the ministry.

BERNARD, Bishop of Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1869.

This letter will tell for itself. Because I did not, at three days' notice, hurry on to another mission or parish, and leave my parochial affairs and business matters unsettled, I must be suspended from the exercise of the ministry.

I claim no immunity for my age, long services, and position in the American Church, but I will say wherever the statement is read, rational and reflecting people will be able to judge of the conduct of Bishop MCQUAID. He has precipitated this thing for the purpose of inflicting penalties, knowing well that my business and parochial affairs would not permit me to leave at such short notice. I published my card in the newspapers, only in reply to his letter and telegraph, appointing another in my place, and published in the newspapers previous to anything from me. I could not, possibly, under the circumstances in which I found myself, hurry out of my parish immediately to obey the unjust and arbitrary orders of Bishop MCQUAID. I now tell him, that his "fulminations" of suspension and threatened excommunication have no terrors for me. They are entirely uncalled for, they are unlawful and unjust, and, therefore, null and void. I am an American citizen protected by American laws, and I will live here in Auburn until the decision on my appeal and that of my congregation shall be obtained. I will at the same time give all rational and just obedience to the Bishop. I will not exercise jurisdiction, pending appeal, but until the final appeal is decided, I will regard myself as Pastor of the Church of the Holy Family. * * *

Again, I thank the American people of Auburn, for their kind sympathies and fearless protection. It is a bright spot of my life which shall always be remembered with heartfelt gratitude.

THOMAS O'FLAHERTY.

PERSONAL.

Hon. E. M. STANTON is suffering under a severe bronchitis, but is otherwise in good health. With the return of warm weather he expects to be restored to his usual strength.

Mr. GEORGE G. VALENTINE, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Northboro', died somewhat suddenly in that place on Wednesday last. He has long filled some of the prominent offices in Northboro', and was universally respected as a good citizen and an honest, upright man. As a mark of respect, the stores and places of business in that town were closed during his funeral.

Gen. LEE was invited to attend the supper given by the literary Association of Alexandria on the 22d of February, but declined to be present.

List of Americans registered at the banking-house of DREXEL, HARJES & Co., No. 2 Rue Scribe, Paris, for the week ending Feb. 11, 1869: Philadelphia—Mrs. L. E. Fetterman, Henry Marsen, F. Nagel, Dr. and Mrs. Fuller, Benj. Orne, Miss Emily Cushman, Mrs. Anna E. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bullock, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Louis Betrose, Jr., Richard Cowan, Charles B. Johnson. New-York—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke, Ed. Bayliss, F. C. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Knowlton, Hen

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THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL R. R. CO.
TREASURER'S OFFICE, ALBANY, Feb. 15, 1869.

THE INSCRIPTION, LATELY EXISTING on the transfer books of this Company having been closed, notice is hereby given that the transfer books will be opened on the morning of Monday, the 16th inst., and will be closed at the close of business on Saturday, the 27th inst.

Owing to the considerable time for which the books have been closed, and the large number of transfers that probably large amounts of stock awaiting transfer, it has become necessary to defer the payment of the dividend heretofore advertised for the 20th inst. until 15th March of the present year.

For the purpose of facilitating the preparations for the payment, stockholders intending to transfer are requested to do so without delay.

The payment of the Dividend on the "Interest Certificates" of the Consolidation of the Company will be made on the 1st prox., as heretofore advertised, and not before.

An Engraved "Interest Certificate," in such appropriate form, is being prepared for substitution for the printed one now outstanding. Public notice will be given when the engraved certificate is ready.

E. D. WORCESTER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD CO., Feb. 11, 1869.

NOTICE.—AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD of Directors this day, it was unanimously resolved that the contract for consolidating the property of this Company with that of the Lake Shore Railway be approved, and it was ordered that a special meeting of the stockholders be called to ratify and confirm said contract, to be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 20th day of February, 1869, and opened on the 20th day of March, 1869. WM. CROWELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE RAILWAY CO.,

NOTICE.—AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD of Directors this day, it was unanimously resolved that the contract for consolidating the property of this Company with that of the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad Company be approved; and it was ordered that a special meeting of the stockholders, to ratify and confirm of consolidation, be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

It was also ordered that, in case of the ratification and confirmation at such meeting, a meeting of the Board be held at the same place, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M. of said 19th day of March aforesaid, for the purpose of electing Directors for such consolidated Company.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 20th day of February, 1869, and opened on the 20th day of March, 1869. GEO. B. ELY, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—NOTICE is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association to go into liquidation and close up the affairs thereof, and that the Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present their notes and other claims against the Association for payment at the banking house of said Association in the City of Troy.

Dated Troy, Dec. 31, 1868.

By order of the Board of Directors,
FRE. SIMS, Cashier.

This Bank has reorganized as a State institution, and will continue business as usual, under the name of "The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy."

OFFICE PITTSBURG FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY,
PITTSBURG, Feb. 24, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Pittsburg, on 10 o'clock A. M., of WEDNESDAY, March 17, 1869, for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year, for the election of Three members of the Board of Directors, to serve for three years, in the place of three stockholders whose term of service expires by law.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

UNION-SQUARE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 23 UNION-SQUARE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE subscription book for the capital stock of this bank is now open, and will remain open for the balance of subscriptions, from 10 o'clock A. M. TUESDAY, the 2d day of March, until 3 o'clock P. M. of the 15th day of March, when the stock will be allotted, and all persons who have subscribed may have the privilege to increase their subscriptions, and those who wish to subscribe for the stock of the bank will please take notice that the books will positively be closed on the day above named.

By order of the Board.
M. FRIEDMAN, Cashier.

FORTY-SECOND-ST. AND GRAND-ST. FERRY, RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of the Company on March 9, between 1 and 3 o'clock P. M.

CHARLES GUNTER, Secretary.

ISLE ROYALE MINING COMPANY,
No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREholders for the choice of Directors and for transaction of business of the Company will be held at the office, on WEDNESDAY, March 10, 1869, at 12 M.

F. W. CARPE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BRIERVALE COAL CO.,
No. 115 BROADWAY, ROOM No. 15,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1869.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE BRIERVALE COAL COMPANY have this day declared a dividend of Seven (7) per Cent. on the capital stock from the earnings of the Company for the year ending Feb. 1. Transfer books closed from Feb. 20 to March 2.

G. LEE STOUT, Treasurer.

OFFICE PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY,
PITTSBURG, Feb. 25, 1869.

THE BOND TRANSFER AND VOTING Register of all classes of this Company will close at 3 P. M. of MONDAY, March 15, and reopen at 10 A. M. of THURSDAY, March 18.

J. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE FRANKLIN COAL AND IMPROVEMENT CO.,
No. 23 WALNUT-ST., PHILADELPHIA.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKholders and election of Directors of this Company will be held at Camden on TUESDAY, MARCH 2, at 12 o'clock, M.

JNO. H. WIRSELING, Secy.

THE COUPONS OF THE MONTGOMERY and Selma Railroad First Mortgage Eight per Cent Gold Bonds, due March 1, 1869, will be paid on and after that date at the Government tax, on presentation at the banking house of George Opdyke & Co., No. 25 Nassau-st., New-York.

T. L. MOUNT, Treasurer.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 16, 1869.

WANTED—SANDUSKY, MANSFIELD AND Newark shares and bonds; Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Dayton and Western, Little Miami, Cleveland, Richmond and Chicago, Evansville and Crawfordsville, Memphis and Charleston; also all other Western and Southern railroad shares and bonds purchased by WM. A. GUEST, No. 35 Wall-st.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREholders in the Evergreen Shaft Mining Company, for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other lawful business, will be held at 4 o'clock on THURSDAY, March 4, at the office of the Company's office, No. 44 Exchange-place, New-York City.

F. W. CARPE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Lawrence Silver Mine Company will be held at the Office, No. 37 Cortlandt-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, March 2, at 12 M., for the transaction of such business as may come before them.

MILLER F. MOORE, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1869.

COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE INcome Bonds of the Columbus and Indiana Central Railway Company due 1st March next, will be paid on and after said date by the Mechanics' National Bank. E. B. SMITH, President.

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Coupon, 1881	114¼	114¾	5-20 Coupon, '68	113¾	114
5-20 Reg'd, 1862	113	113¼	10-40 Reg'd	108¾	109
5-20 Coupon, '62	113¾	114	10-40 Coupon	110¾	110¾
5-20 Coupon, '64	113	113¼	Gold	131¼	131¾
5-20 Coupon, '65	113	113¼	U. S. Cur. Fds.	102	102¾
5-20 Coupon, '66, Jan. and July	113¼	113¾			

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Twenty-sixth general statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1869:

(FOR DETAILED STATEMENT SEE ANNUAL REPORT.)

Net assets, Feb. 1, 1868	$22,488,492 14
Receipts during the year	12,120,131 66
Total	$34,701,623 80
Disbursements during the year	9,466,466 10
Net assets, Jan. 31, 1869	$25,235,157 70
INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:	
Cash	$1,262,650 62
Bonds and mortgages	21,402,267 42
United States and New-York State Stocks, cost	5,600,102 75
Real Estate	951,937 02
Due from agents	20,522 21—$29,235,539 02
ADD:	
Secured premiums, (semi-annual and quarterly)	$1,320,679 95
Premiums principally for policies issued in December and January, in course of transmission	265,000 00
Interest due and unpaid	4,414 83
Interest accrued but not due	44,000 00
Rents due and unpaid	2,000 00
Market value of stocks in excess of cost	320,625 21—$1,976,719 98
Gross assets, Jan. 31, 1869	$31,212,259 70
THEREON ARE THUS APPROPRIATED:	
Net reserve, Company's table, 4 per cent	$26,788,512 02
Surplus	3,423,571 74—$31,212,083 76
Amount of new insurance	$10,442,225
Number of policies	17,224
Total number of policies in force Jan. 31, 1869	62,488
Amount insured thereon	$204,254,495

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FREDR'K S. WINSTON, SEYMOUR L. HUSTED,
HON. A. W. ROBERTSON, SAMUEL D. BABCOCK,
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SAMUEL M. CORNELL, HON. HENRY R. DAVIES
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WILLIAM E. DODGE, HUGH N. CAMP,
JEDEA WHEELER, HERMAN C. VAN POST.

FREDERICK B. WINSTON, President.
RICHARD A. MCCURDY, Vice-President.
JOHN M. BRUCE, Secretary.
FREDERICK SCHROEDER, Assistant Secretary.
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.
R. G. LAWTON, Assistant Actuary.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.

By virtue of the authority conferred by the Legislature of Connecticut, accepted and approved at a meeting of the Stockholders held on the 7th day of July, 1868, and in pursuance of notice of the said meeting, at which time the Directors will apportion to such stockholders as shall on the 1st day of March next, at 3 o'clock P. M., be the owners of record of the stock of the Company, the right to subscribe to the extent of their respective holdings of the said stock, at the rate of Three shares of New Capital Stock of the Company at par, in the proportion of one new share for every two shares so held as above, payable in cash, one-third part thereof on and after the 1st day of April next, and the remaining two-thirds when the same shall be called for by the Board of Directors.

Such certificates will be given at the time of paying installments, and certificates of full-paid stock will be given in exchange for the said scrip certificates, when the entire subscription shall have been paid in.

Fractional scrip, representing less than two shares, or more than a multiple of two, are advised to purchase or sell, so that the number of their shares shall be two, or a multiple of two.

The Stock Transfer Book will be closed, and remain closed, from the 1st to the 15th of March, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILLIAM D. BISHOP, President.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

NOTE.—The remaining 75 per cent. will be called for payment, to date, as follows, namely, to pay 25 additional per cent on the 1st day of May, 1869, and 25 additional per cent on the 1st day of July, 1869.

Stockholders are requested to notify the Company at once whether they elect to take the new stock.

THE HARLEM BANK,
CAPITAL $100,000.

Will open for business about the 1st of March next at their new Banking room, near corner of 3d-av. and 124th-st.

DIRECTORS:

ADDISON SMITH, S. J. HARRIOT,
R. G. BOLSTON, CYRUS J. LAWRENCE,
J. H. BATES, J. S. COLBY, M. D.,
SAMUEL W. NULEN, WM. H. ASTEN,
J. SPEARS, B. F. RAYNOR.
ADDISON SMITH, President.
ISAAC ANDERSON, Cashier.

Subscription books for the stock are now open at the office of Addison Smith, Esq., No. 1,200 3d-av.

ELECTION NOTICE—STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual election for twenty-five Directors and three Inspectors of the next ensuing election will be held at the office of the Company, No. 126 Broadway, on THURSDAY, March 11, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., and closed at 3 P. M.

MARCH 1, 1869. WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

DEFFERENTIATED BONDS.—THOSE wishing to sell at less than Fifty Per Cent. State, County, City, Town, or Railroad Bonds, please address, with full description and price, Post Office Box 3,108.

J. YORBURGH.

NEW-YORK AND FLUSHING RAILROAD.—The Coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds due March 1, 1869, will be paid at the Market National Bank, corner of Fulton and Nassau-sts.

SAVINGS BANKS.

MARKET SAVINGS BANK,
No. 67 Nassau-st., New-York.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free of Government tax.
Deposits made now will draw interest from March 1.
WM. VAN NAME, President.
HENRY B. COGGILL, Secretary.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,
No. 4,185 Broadway, between 36th and 37th-sts. SIX PER CENT. on all sums. MONEY DEPOSITED NOW draws interest from MARCH 1.
CHARLES PECK, President.
CHARLES T. RODGERS, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 339 and 341 GRAND-ST., corner LAIGHT.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON SUMS TO $5,000.
ASSETS, $8,656,756 52.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 31-st. and 3d-av.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. and on Monday Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, SIXTH-AV. corner 14th-st.—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before March 3, will draw interest from March 1.
R. H. BUTLER, President.
J. B. KEELER, Vice-President.
C. W. BENEDICT, Secretary.

DIME SAVINGS BANK, NOS. 5 AND 6 Broadway, Williamsburg.—Deposits made on or before March 1 (any amount from the 1st of March, six per cent, free of tax, and will be 6,000.

ALL DEPOSITS MADE NOW WILL BEAR INTEREST from March 1. Interest, per cent, free from tax. National Savings Bank, Broadway, corner of 32d-st.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, AUCTIONEER.

FIFTY-FOUR LOTS
ON THE
GRAND BOULEVARD,
12TH-AV., 3RD AND 7TH-STS.,
NEAR THE NEW RIVERSIDE PARK
AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO.
Will sell at auction,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1869,
At 12 o'clock M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building, by order of the New-York Orphan Asylum:

THIRTY-NINE LOTS AND GORES,

Comprising almost the entire block bounded by
The Grand Boulevard, 11th-av., 72d and 74th-sts.

FIFTEEN LOTS AND GORES,

Comprising the entire front on north side of 74th-st., between the Grand Boulevard and 11th-av.

This property is high, on grade, well gored and free from rock, now cultivated as a garden.

Sixty per cent of the purchase money may, at the option of the purchaser, remain on bond and mortgage of the premises for five years, with privilege of paying at any time, on giving three months' previous notice.

Maps at office of auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

SIXTY-FOUR BUILDING LOTS.
THE ENTIRE BLOCK BOUNDED BY
THE GRAND BOULEVARD,
9th and 10th-avs., 62d and 63d-sts.
and only 200 feet from the
CENTRAL PARK,
Will be sold separately,
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, AT 12 O'CLOCK,
at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway,
BY ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO.,
under the direction of
MESSRS. LEWIS B. BROWN AND CLARENCE R. BROWN.

This property, most eligibly located, and on high ground, will be sold with restrictions as against nuisances, which said restrictions will also cover the block north of it, thus securing this property for first-class improvements.

TERMS UNUSUALLY LIBERAL, VIZ.:

20 per cent on day of sale; 20 per cent on May; balance, 20 per cent, may remain on bond and mortgage four or 5 years. Parties taking title before the May will be allowed interest from time of taking deed to 1st May.

PRINTED ABSTRACT OF TITLE FURNISHED FREE OF CHARGE.

The sellers pledge themselves that the sale of this property shall be

OPEN AND FREE IN EVERY RESPECT,

and that there shall be no bidding in their behalf.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., or at office of LEWIS B. BROWN, No. 56 Broadway.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF THE VALUAbLE STORE PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BROADWAY AND 43RD-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of Schureman Halsted, deceased,

THE PLOT OF LAND,

together with the five-story brick building thereon, situate on the southwest corner of Broadway and 43d-st., running 100 feet on Broadway and 100 feet on 43d-st., the late owner in the most substantial manner possible, provided with gaslight and hot steam. It is now fitted as a hotel, with the modern improvements and conveniences, and can easily be converted into stores, for which purpose it was originally. This property is in the immediate vicinity of Messrs. Arnold & Constable's new store, of the Gilsey House, the Metropolitan Hotel, the Grand Central, James and Albemarle Hotels, Hallman and Coleman Houses. Lot 42.2 feet on Broadway, 42 feet on the rear, 98 feet on 43d-st., and 98.4 feet on the south side. Also,

ALSO—THE VALUABLE lot of land adjoining the south side of East 41st-st., adjoining the last described property, on the rear, being 45 feet in width by 92 feet in depth. The stables on the lot are not sold with the property.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF THE VALUAble household premises No. 12 Washington-square, adjoining.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 3, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Executors of Catharine A. Dumont, deceased:

WASHINGTON-SQUARE—The first-class three-story brick dwelling-house and lease of lot situated on the north side of the Washington-square, lot No. 12. The lease is from the Sailors' Snug Harbor, for 21 years from the 1st May, 1862, at the annual ground rent of $600, payable quarterly. The lease contains the usual covenants for renewals, and the restrictions against nuisances as are contained in the leases granted by the Sailors' Snug Harbor, and also the further restriction against the erection of any building on the lot, are to be set back 15 feet from the line of Waverley-place, and to be of brick or stone; privilege to erect stable on rear of the lot.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LEASE OF LOT NO. 26 EAST BROADWAY AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on MONDAY, March 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

EAST BROADWAY—The three-story brick house, lease of lot, situate on the south side of East Broadway, between Clinton and Montgomery-sts., and Stuart, Secretary, to Ann Eliza Jones, for the term, fourteen years to run from Aug. 1, 1868, at an annual ground rent of $200, taxes and assessments contains covenants for renewals. The house is about 25 feet front, and is in good repair, tenants and in good order; lot 24.7½x97.4, or half block.

For maps apply to the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

S. C. GRIFFIN, Auctioneer.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, FARM AT AUCTION.—S. C. GRIFFIN will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., on the premises, the valuable farm lately occupied by Richard Cairns, situated partly in the town of New-Rochelle, and partly in Westchester, near the Post-Office, on the road leading to the Westchester railroad, containing about 37½ acres, with, together with one large and one small dwelling-house, barns, carriage-house and outbuildings, and a spring of water, which never fails. Sale will meet the 7 and 8 A. M. trains from 27th-st. For particulars apply to A. A. LOCKWOOD, No. 116 Broadway.

ST. LOUIS ARSENAL,
ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 15, 1869.

PUBLIC SALE OF CONDEMNED ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES.—Will be offered for sale, at public auction, at the St. Louis Arsenal, in the City of St. Louis, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of April, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large amount of condemned Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, &c., consisting in part of the following articles, viz.:

Cast-iron field guns, with carriages and implements.
126 cannon guns, various, total weight about 60 tons.
400 tons cannon balls, 6 to 42 pounders.
60 artillery carriages, various.
4,000 artillery harnesses, various, for 4 horses.
4,800 sporting rifles and shot guns, various.
10,322 carbines and rifles, various.
14,411 sabres and swords, various.
182,000 musket balls, various.
31,000 cavalry saddles, various.
2,000 artillery saddles, various.
28,100 curb bridles, various.
10,000 cavalry bridles, various.
19,000 halters, various.
14,400 leather traces, various.
401,000 pounds of common powder.
100,400 pounds of musket powder.
777,000 pounds of musket powder.
19,200 pounds of rifle powder.
1,000 pounds of pistol powder.
68,524,000 muskets and musket percussion caps.

Wrought and cast-iron scrap, &c., &c.

Persons desiring catalogues of the stores to be sold, can obtain them by application to the Chief of Ordnance, at Washington, D. C., or Brevet Col. S. CRISPIN, U. S. A., purchasing agent, corner Houston and Greene sts., New-York, or upon application at this arsenal. F. D. CALLENDER, Lieut.-Col. of Ord. and Brevet Brig.-Gen. U. S. A. Com.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

WILL be sold at public auction, by H. B. SMITHSON, Auctioneer, at Allegheny Arsenal, Pittsburg, Penn., commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1869, the following articles, viz.:

Cast Iron Cannon.
16,864 Solid Shot (round).
3,325 Stands of Grape and Canister.
3,237 Carbines, new, repaired, rusty, &c.
8,137 Ex. S. Rifles, Cal. .54 and .58, repaired, rusty, &c.
4,377 Enfield Muskets, repaired.
4,319 Enfield Muskets and Rifles, rusty, &c.
8,150 U. S. Muskets, Cal. .69, rusty, &c.
3,279 Pistols and Revolvers, new, repaired and rusty.
4,000 Sets of Infantry Accoutrements, (old.)
32,157 Percussion Caps, Musket and Rifle.
180,000 Pistol Cartridges, (Lefaucheux & Wesson's.)
1,200,000 Maynard's and Sharp's Primers.
Various Bayonets.
100,000 Percussion Tubes, Cast and Wrought.
A list of Accoutrements and parts of Muskets.
A list of Tools for Blacksmiths, Carpenters, &c.
A list of Packing Cases, &c.

Catalogues of the above can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Purchasers will be required to remove the property within ten days after the sale. Terms, Cash.

E. H. K. WHITELEY, Bvt. Brig.-Gen. U. S. A.
ALLEGHENY ARSENAL, Feb. 16, 1869.

PUBLIC SALE OF CONDEMNED ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES.—A large quantity of condemned ordnance and ordnance stores will be offered for sale at public auction at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., on WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following comprise some of the principal articles to be sold, viz.:

1,000 Cast-iron guns, various calibres.
1,100 Field carriages and limbers.
100 Sets of artillery harness.
10,000 Pounds of cannon balls.
42,000 Sets of infantry accoutrements.
2,300 McClellan saddles.
50 Artillery saddles.
4,000 Cavalry sabres.
700 Saddle blankets.
400 Watering bridles.
1,400 Cavalry curb bridles.
1,000 Artillery bridles and harness.

Persons desiring catalogues of the stores to be sold can obtain them by application to the Chief of Ordnance, at Washington, D. C., or Brevet Col. S. Crispin, U. S. A., purchasing agent, corner Houston and Greene sts., New-York, or upon application at this arsenal. T. J. HOFFMAN,
Lieut.-Col. Ordnance, Brevet Brig.-Gen. U. S. A. Commanding.
ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Jan. 25, 1869.

AUCTION SALES.

PEREMPTORY SALE

AT AUCTION.

JAMES M. MILLER

WILL SELL ON

MONDAY, MARCH 15,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT EXCHANGE SALESROOM, NO. 111 BROADWAY,

FORTY-EIGHT PARCELS OF LAND

CONTAINING ABOUT

181 LOTS,

ESTATE OF LEWIS G. MORRIS.

The demand for semi-rural residences must be considered not only a prominent characteristic of the present activity in real estate, but it also evidences that the increasing population of the City of New-York will make the suburbs indispensable residences. It is not doubted that part of Westchester County, embraced by the unexplored side, will become a part of the great and growing City of New-York.

The lower portion of the county is attracting great attention as a suburban location, with the positive value of a City property, being considered as much a portion of New-York City as that property above the line of Harlem, within the City limits. And being at this time more accessible, is already rapidly improving with the erection of those neat and elegant cottages that are so choice in adorning a landscape, and in which the comfort of a family is secured at such a great saving as compared even with the unmunicipal limits of a floor in a City dwelling. The great feature of Westchester County at present in this connection, viewed from a city stand-point, is the

Central-avenue,

which is one of the broadest and finest avenues in the world for the general characteristics of dimensions, locality and the beauty of surrounding and adjoining scenery.

It commences on the northerly side of Harlem River, directly opposite the termination of the 7th-av. Grand Boulevard and 155th-st., and is connected with this City by the Central Bridge, which spans the river at that point. The Commissioners of Central Park, when this tract shall be placed under their control, will lay out several "new drives" and avenues, and connect them by bridges with the boulevards on New-York side.

The probable consolidation of this part of Westchester County with New-York City, the popularity of Central-av. as a drive, the proximity of the Harlem and 3d-av. cars, and the proposed underground railroad, make it an exceedingly desirable for building purposes or for investment. The location of this property is superb, and a fine view of Central-av. is presented from all parts. For maps and further particulars, apply to the auctioneer.

NO. 28 PINE-ST.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer—Office No. 28 Pine-st.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON THURSDAY, March 4, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of Daniel P. Ingraham, Esq., Referee:

The three valuable lots of land, with the improvements, known as Nos. 100, 102 and 104 Duane-st., south side, commencing 120 feet 1 inch west from Broadway.

Particulars at the office.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

BY JAMES M. MILLER,
MONDAY, MARCH 1,
At 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

Sold under the direction of S. Jones, Esq., Referee.

No. 100 Mott-st., east side, between Canal and Hester, lot of land, 20 feet front, with the five-story brick dwelling each on front and rear of lot.

ALSO, No. 102—The valuable lot of land adjoining the above, with the five-story brick dwelling each on front and rear of lot.

DELANCEY-ST.—No. 116, commencing at the corner of Ludlow-st., the lot of land, with the five-story brick building and store.

ALSO, No. 118 Delancey-st., adjoining the above, with a five-story brick building with store.

ALSO, No. 120 Delancey-st., adjoining the above, with a five-story brick building.

ALSO, No. 122, adjoining the Delancey-st. property, on the rear of lot, the three-story and brick basement building.

ALSO, Ludlow-st.—No. 100, adjoining the above, with a three-story brick dwelling.

ALSO, Ludlow-st.—No. 102, adjoining the above, with a three-story brick dwelling.

ALSO, Ludlow-st.—No. 104, adjoining the above, with two-story brick dwelling with attic and basement.

SECOND-AV.—Commencing at the southwest corner of 12th-st., the valuable lots of land known as Nos. 202 and 204, each with four-story brick dwellings and basements.

ALSO, 109th-st.—Four lots of land north side 109th-st., distant 300 feet east from 11th-av.

Terms, cash, or one-third cash, balance on bond and mortgage for three or five years.

Particulars at the office.

PEREMPTORY AUCTION SALE
OF
CHOICE AND VALUABLE LOTS,
splendidly situated near
PROSPECT PARK, WEST SIDE,
BY
JOHNSON & MILLER,
on TUESDAY, March 2, 1869, at 12 o'clock,
AT
EXCHANGE SALESROOM,
No. 111 Broadway, New-York.
THE LOTS ARE FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT.
FOR MAGNIFICENT VIEWS THEY ARE UNSURPASSED.
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE.

We call particular attention to the fact that we have received positive directions from the owners to sell the property, regardless of quantity. Every lot offered "will be positively sold to the highest bidder."

JOHNSON & MILLER, Auctioneers.

LEAVITT, STEBBINS & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE
OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE MR. E. LEUTZE,
COMPRISING
BOOKS, PAINTINGS, ETCHINGS, DRAWINGS,

antique furniture, guns, swords, costumes, &c. Also, the entire stock in trade of the late firm of Leutze, Barthelmes & Co., consisting of oil paintings, by the late Emanuel Leutze, Bierstadt, Hart, Whittredge, Hart, Brown, Guy, Cropsey, Dearing, W. Hart, Stone, De Haas, Wills, Bolton, Irving, Gleason, Whittredge, Gray, Lambdin, West, McEntee, and also other paintings, etchings, drawings, &c., by the late Emanuel Leutze, by Bauduntum, Durand, Bierstadt, Johnson, Kensett, Long, Cashier, Baker, Gifford, Falconer, Homer, Beard, Fay, Hagaman, Perry, Hastings, &c. The whole to be sold at auction, on the premises of the CLINTON HALL BOOK SALESROOMS AND ART GALLERIES, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, March 4 and 5, at 7½ o'clock. LEAVITT, STEBBINS & CO., Clinton Hall, Astor Place, New-York. Catalogues ready and goods on exhibition day and evening.

J. JOHNSON, Jr., Auctioneer.

BY JOHNSON & MILLER.
AT 12 O'CLOCK, at Exchange Salesroom, 111 Broadway.
POSITIVE EXECUTORS' SALE.
TWO VALUABLE HOUSES, NOS. 8 AND 8 EAST 7TH-ST., NEW-YORK.

Nos. 8 and 8 East 7th-st., north side, between 2d and 4th-avs., two first-class three-story, basement and sub-cellar, Philadelphia brick front dwellings, each 18x44, lots 18x92, each contain 11 rooms, marble mantels and all modern improvements. They have stone stoops and basements, French windows, &c. Each house is gas, supplied from Metropolitan, only two blocks from Central Park; thoroughfare by Harlem and improvements. Terms easy. Maps at No. 22 Nassau-st., Brooklyn, and No. 18 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY E. M. BROWN, BROWN & CO.—THIS DAY (Monday), March 1, at 11½ o'clock, on Pier No. 9 East River:

9,000 boxes fresh Sicily Oranges.
600 boxes fresh Sicily Lemons.
(Second trip, direct from Palermo.
Immediately after, on Pier No. 10 East River:
4,000 boxes fresh Sicily Oranges.
1,000 boxes fresh Sicily Lemons.
Cargo bark Nesiote from Palermo.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-Office.

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE TO BE SOLD BY THE BEST CITY MAKERS.—R. SOMERVILLE will sell by auction, on MONDAY, March 1, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 17 University

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 42 North River as follows:

VILLE DE PARIS.....SATURDAY, Mar. 6
EUROPE.....DAUM.....SATURDAY, Mar. 20
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, April 3

Rates of passage reduced to gold. (Time included.)
TO REST ON HAVRE, first cabin, $80; second cabin, $60.

TO PARIS, including railway ticket, first and 2d.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
American travelers going or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the detention of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MAKEPEACE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, VIA CALLING AT COVE HARBOR, SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.

KAMADA.....Mar. 3 CHINA.....Mar. 10
CUNARD.....Mar. 17 CUNARD.....Mar. 24
RUSSIA.....Mar. 31 SCOTIA.....April 7

Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$120 Second Cabin.....$60
Outside to Paris.....$140
No steerage accommodation carried.
The owners of these ships will not be responsible for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value therein expressed be signed.
Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND BELFAST, THE ANCHOR LINE.
Steamships Clyde-built Steamers, are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY.

From Pier No. 20 North River, 10 o'clock, noon.
GALEDONIA.....Mar. 6 COLUMBIA.....Mar. 20
IOWA.....Mar. 13 EUROPA.....April 3
BRITANNIA.....Mar. 20 INDIA.....April 10

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $70.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $145.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; to Liverpool, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $35.
Steerage passengers to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts payable at sight on any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply on the Steamers, foot of Day-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

ALEPPO.....Feb. 25 TRIPOLI.....Mar. 11
TARIFA.....Mar. 4 PALESTINE.....Mar. 18

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $4 lowest rates.
For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage, No. 32 Broadway, Trinity Building. E. CUNARD.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 4 North River. WEDNESDAYS.

GERMANY.....March 3 SCOTIA.....April 7
NEBRASKA.....March 10, at 1 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....March 17, at 8 A. M.
MINNESOTA.....March 31, at 8 A. M.

TONNAGE, 3,000 TONS EACH. PADDLE-WHEELS.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage tickets or
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Mar. 6, at 10 A. M.
CITY OF MANCHESTER, (via Halifax.) .....Tuesday, Mar. 9, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Mar. 13, 1 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 20, 11 A. M.

And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE:

PAYABLE IN GOLD.	PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100	First Cabin.....$[illegible]
To London.....$105	To London.....$[illegible]
To Paris.....$[illegible]	To Paris.....$[illegible]
PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMERS VIA HALIFAX.	
FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.	STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Liverpool.....$80	Liverpool.....$[illegible]
London.....$[illegible]	London.....$[illegible]
St. John's N. F. by J. $[illegible]	St. John's N. F. by J. $[illegible]
Branch Steamer.....$[illegible]	Branch Steamer.....$[illegible]

Tickets issued to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

INTERNATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP NORMANDIE, CUTTING, will leave SATURDAY, March 6, at 12 M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $35, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 58 Broadway.
J. F. ROBERT.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin.
Outside. Inside. Second Cabin. Steerage.
$[illegible] $[illegible] $80 $[illegible]
CHANGE OF SAILING DAYS.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON THE 5TH AND 20TH EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult.
Additional baggage at the rate of 20 cents per pound.
MARCH 1.—OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. MAURY, connecting with SACRAMENTO, Capt. WRIGHT.
Steamer leaving Marsh 5 connects closely with the GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco April 5, for China and Japan.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—Freight for OCEAN QUEEN received until 4 P. M. on SATURDAY, and for the other steamers at the usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's office, No. 2 Battery-place, near the Battery.
J. F. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of every month.
AMERICA, Capt. R. L. THELEPAUGH, Feb. 20.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. E. SLOCUM, March 20.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WIRT, April 20.
These elegant iron steamers are fitted up for the passenger trade only, and carry a surgeon and stewardess.
Passage to Rio Janeiro, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, including meals and lodging, $100 currency.
For freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICKLEN.....Mar. 6
MORO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS.....Mar. 13
Will leave Pier No. 4 North River, foot of Beach-st., at 3 P. M. precisely, freight or passage apply to
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C. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC WEST STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICKLEN.....Mar. 4
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE.....Mar. 11
MORO CASTLE, R. ADAMS.....Mar. 18
For freight or passage apply to
H. G. WHITNEY, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, from Pier No. 17, East River, at 10 A. M.
The splendid new steamer
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLEY.....March 10
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. CHASE.....March 30
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA.
Carrying the United States Mails.
The well-known side-wheel steamship
RICHMOND,
J. P. BAKER, Commander,
is now receiving freight, and will leave Pier No. 36 North River, on
SATURDAY, March 6, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Through rates and through bills of lading given to Galveston, Indianola, Lavacca and Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and all points on the Mississippi River.
No Havana freight received on day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 40 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of the Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
CONTEE.....SUNDAY, March 7
MARIPOSA.....TUESDAY, March 16
For freight or passage, first and second class, or freight apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 39 West-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
The fine steamship HUNTSVILLE will leave Pier No. 12 North River, on SATURDAY, March 6, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 42 West-st.
GUAVAS COHEN & CO., Agents, Savannah.

FOR CHARLESTON, THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and popular side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, CROWELL, Commander, will sail THURSDAY, March 4, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 6 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15.
Bills of lading signed for all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, S. C., (RAVENEL & CO.) forward all goods free of commission.
ASHTON LAKEY, Agent, No. 12 William-st.
The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail March 11.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who may intend the services of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from all annoyance, of course in procuring passports in Paris, custom-house and conveyance of baggage, in entering the best accommodations and in safety of money, the travelers, in a word, are the masters of the situation in which they are exposed in various countries, &c. Couriers, Continental and travel agency, Anderson and Cook, 1 Lafayette Place, near Broadway. Apply at the Couriers' Society, No. 1 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

MONTCLAIR, N. J.

One of the best located properties in this place will be offered for sale at auction, at 3 o'clock on MONDAY, March 1, 1869, terms cash. For further particulars apply to WM. JACOBUS, Montclair, N. J., Morris and Essex Railroad trains at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

VALUABLE COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE AT ORANGE, N. J.—A pleasant brick residence, admirably calculated for a large family, situated within eight minutes of Brick Church station, on the Morris and Essex Railroad, and within three minutes from Barclay or Christopher-sts., New-York. The main building is of two square, the L nearly feet, with piazzas on all sides; two full stories with cellar and will lightly frame above the second story; the roof is well slated; walls made under the whole house; heated by both steam pipes and hot air; has hot and cold water throughout the house; has three bath-rooms, two kitchens and a laundry; is a good house, and ample room for many and poultry; a never-failing spring of the purest water, from which the house and premises are supplied. The grounds consist of about 14 acres. The house is elevated on high ground, and commands a fine view of surrounding country and New-York City. The grounds are all under-drained, and in good state of cultivation, with a large number of fruit trees and Kenney's Nurseries, and convenience for shipping by water or rail. For particulars, inquire of C. N. HAMENTHAL, No. 23 Washington-st., New-York.

HYDE PARK, ON THE HUDSON.—The Hotel for sale, furniture or unfurnished. This is a good chance for a good business, as it is well located in conjunction with the grounds of the proprietor. For further particulars inquire on the premises, or of SIMEON SIMMONS, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

FOR SALE—COUNTRY SEAT ON THE MUDDY RIVER, New-Hackensack, conveniently situated; contains 7 acres; house, barn, &c., in good condition; and all in good cultivation; fine location for a country seat; price, $4,000. Inquire of A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

SPLENDID DAIRY FARM, NEAR Newburgh, Orange County, N. Y., for sale; 100 acres, 35 cows; terms low; or will exchange for city property. Address HALDWIN & LEVIN, No. 35 Liberty-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A SMALL PRIVATE FAMILY WILL take board, lodging furnished room, fire, gas, &c., on second floor, to one or two gentlemen, with or without breakfast, at reasonable terms. Address W., Box No. 189 Times Office.

TO LET—TO TWO GENTLEMEN, TWO large front rooms, second floor, furnished or unfurnished, board if desired. 237 East 23d-st., corner 4th-av.

FIFTH-AV., OPPOSITE THE BREVOORT HOUSE.—A connecting suite of rooms, with or without private table. Also, a single front room, with board, in the first-class house No. 15 5th-av.

No. 52 EAST 15TH-ST., NEAR IRVING-PLACE.—Handsome furnished suite of rooms on second floor for family or party of gentlemen; intermediate accommodation.

TO LET—TO A GENTLEMAN, A HALL bedroom, pleasantly situated. Gas and water in the room. Terms low. No. 64 4th-av., one block from Broadway.

No. 70 BARROW-ST., NEAR HUDSON.—To let to a gentleman, furnished rooms to single gentlemen, with or without breakfast. No evening R. Hay.

No. 58 WEST 23D-ST.—FURNISHED rooms to rent, with board, for families and single gentlemen.

BOARD.—GOOD BOARD AND GOOD ROOMS can be had on reasonable terms at No. 28 West Warren-st., South Brooklyn.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 Chambers-st.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Sale of the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1868, will be open for inspection and revision on and after MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869, and will remain open till the 30th day of April, 1869, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessment of the aforesaid real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons believing themselves to be aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period aforesaid, in pursuance of the provisions of the statutes in such cases made and provided. The act of 1859 provides that "during the time the books shall be open to public inspection, as hereinbefore provided, application may be made by any person considering himself or any other person aggrieved by the assessment of any real or personal estate, to have the same corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of real estate, it must be made in writing, stating the ground of objection thereto, and the Commissioners shall cause to examine into the complaint, and if in their judgment the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of personal estate, the applicant shall be examined under oath by the aforesaid Commissioners, who shall be authorized to administer such oaths or any of them; and if it appears to their judgment the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected, and for the amount of such assessment as they may believe to be just, and declare their decision in writing, which shall be final, if such application shall have been made to them. No application shall be made by the Board of Supervisors of any town, or any town or personal estate imposed under this act, unless it shall appear, under oath or affirmation, that the party aggrieved was unable to attend within the period prescribed for the correction of taxes, by reason of absence or sickness from the City."
J. W. BELDEN, Taxes and
J. W. BROWN, Assessments.
C. M. DEPEW,

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COUNTROOM, PARK, No. 32 Chambers-st.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all arrears of Personal Taxes now due are to be paid at the office of ANDREW J. SMITH, Esq., Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 128 Nassau-st., where all books relating to such arrears will be found at said office.
No person but the said attorney or the undersigned is authorized to receive or receipt for such arrears, except in cases of warrants issued thereon, when the Marshal to whom the same is directed will have legal authority to collect the amount included therein, and all warrants hereafter issued to enforce the payment of any Personal Taxes are hereby countermanded.
Dated New-York, Jan. 15, 1869.
BERNARD SMITH, Receiver.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—THREE BILLIARD PIECES OF Italian marble statuary, by Rogers, Master and Tadolini, recently imported from Italy by a gentleman now deceased; sold to close the estate. Particulars may be obtained of HOMER MORGAN, No. 1 Pierrepont.

DR. E. E. FOOTE, AUTHOR OF "MEDICAL COMMON SENSE," may be consulted in person or by letter, on his disease, No. 1 Lexington-av., corner of East 30th-st. Office hours from 10 A. M. till 4 P. M. Consultation free.

ABSOLUTE DIVORCES LEGALLY obtained; desertion, etc., sufficient cause; no publicity; no charge until divorced; advice free. W. JONES, Attorney, No. 18 Nassau-st.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—AT NEWTOWN, LONG ISLAND, one of the most desirable properties; five bedrooms, bath, water-closet, kitchen, and a shanty; well, cistern, hen-house; plenty shade and small fruit, two large vegetable gardens; within ten minutes' walk of depot; rent, $300 per year. Apply to FOLEY, 1 Pine-st., or Newtown, Long Island.

FURNISHED COTTAGES, TO RENT for 3, Highbridge, just above McCombs Dam Bridge, three cottages, each containing twelve rooms, newly and tastefully furnished, and very pleasantly situated; rent, $300 per year. Inquire of JAMES A. SUYDAM, No. 10 Wall-st.

AT NEW-BRIGHTON, (HAMILTON-AV.)—To rent, furnished and unfurnished, four first-class villas; gas, water, garden, stables; secluded, healthy, and very pleasant; delightfully located; very healthy; five minutes from ferry. Mr. HAMILTON, No. 203 Broadway.

TO LET—FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS, A first-class brick house, with 27 rooms and modern improvements, on the Hudson, about 1 mile from Newburgh, N. Y., and 1 mile from New-York City; depot close by. For further particulars address Box No. 11 Hasbrouck-place, Newburgh, N. Y.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE, NO. 38 West 16th-st.; brown-stone front, 25 stories high; painted and furnished in the most magnificent style for the price asked by C. Dunlap; rent $250 a month. For further particulars inquire of REALES, GILLESPIE & CO., No. 37 South-st.

TO LET—AT ELIZABETH, N. J., WITHIN ten minutes' walk of the depot, a house containing eight rooms, water and gas, good cellar and attic; well stocked with fruit trees. For inquiries address G. W. E., Box No. 118 Times Office.

TO LET—TWO THREE-STORY AND BASEment houses with modern improvements, located in the City of Bergen, 15 minutes by horse cars from Jersey City ferry, and 20 minutes by Paterson-st. ferry. Apply at No. 200 West-st. Tony Sachsen office.

TO RENT FOR $1,000—A GOOD HOUSE, 7 barn and outbuildings in Jamaica, with ten acres of land, good garden and a great variety of choice fruit; Railroad fare, 25 cents. Address Post Office, Box No. 84.

TO RENT—AT EYE, THE SUMMER RESIDence of the subscriber, partly furnished, 25 miles from New-York by New-Haven Railroad; one mile from station and near the water. Also a span of horses for sale. G. P. WARE, No. 72 Wall-st.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET AT LENOX, Mass., either for six months or one year, completely furnished and very pleasantly located. For further particulars inquire at No. 41 East 20th-st.

TO LET—THE DWELLING-HOUSE, NO. 149 West 4th-st.; also the store (five story and cellar), No. 407 Washington-st. Apply to ROBERT L. BROWN, No. 120 Broadway.

TO RENT—TO A PRIVATE FAMILY ONLY, a large house, pleasantly situated. Gas and water in the house. Terms low. No. 64 4th-av., one block from Broadway.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE BY FRANK G. BROWN, NO. 111 BROADWAY.
Broadway, a corner lot, improved.....$[illegible]
5th-av., near the "Circle," lot, including cost of house, [illegible]
5th-st., north side, between 6th and 7th-avs., 4 lots.....$[illegible]
ALSO,
Plots of eleven acres, on the south side lots in the Boulevard, one mile from the Harlem River, a fine country seat.
ALSO,
On the Boulevard, one mile from the Harlem River, a fine country seat.
ALSO,
At Tarrytown, a gentleman's residence and farm of 37 acres, $25,000.
ALSO,
Long Branch cottage, furnished, on the sea shore, south of the Sixteen House, and lots beautifully located for building cottages.

FOR INVESTMENT.
FOR SALE—The property known as Nos. 96 and 98 West 26th-st., near Broadway (Hoyt's); three-story high-stoop, and will rented till May next. Price for sale, $24,000; one-half cash and mortgage.
OR,
the property is to rent for $3,000 per annum for three years. Apply to HOMER MORGAN,
No. 1 Pine-st.

FOR SALE.
THIRTY-FIVE HARLEM LOTS,
SEVENTY WASHINGTON HEIGHTS LOTS,
and plots on all the avenues and streets.
Also, valuable water fronts on the Hudson and Harlem Rivers. G. LESPINASSE,
No. 36 John-st.

NINE MADISON-AV. LOTS,
EIGHT 37TH-AV. LOTS,
SIXTEEN STEAM LOTS,
FOR SALE BY
G. LESPINASSE, No. 36 John-st.

FOR SALE—THE LOT OF LAND WITH THE four-story brick building thereon, known as No. 126 William-st. The lot is 25 feet 9 inches in front, 92 feet in the rear, and in length on each side 100 feet. Also, a lot of land on the easterly side of 8th-av., between 43d and 44th-sts., containing in front and rear 25 feet, and in length on each side 100 feet. For terms, &c., apply to JAMES S. HUGGINS, 48 William-st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY high-stoop, high-stoop house, 24 Sackrider, in the most thorough order, frescoed, and complete in every respect. Price $22,000, one-fourth cash; sold because the owner leaves for Europe about May 1; furniture for sale if desired. For permits apply to FRANCIS TOMES, Jr., or S. HASTINGS GRANT, No. 194 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A MAGNIFICENT FOUR-story High-stoop brown-stone house, 37x80x60, on 6th-st., opposite Columbia College; the house is built in the most substantial manner, has all the latest improvements, and is heated by steam; possession May 1. Particulars and permits of ISAAC HONIG, No. 32 Pine-st.

TO LET—A SUPERIOR NEW FOUR-STORY, high-stoop brown-stone house, with modern improvements and gas fixtures; neighborhood excellent; below Central Park and convenient to it. Rent $2,500, with possession at once. For permits apply to FRANCIS TOMES, Jr., or S. HASTINGS GRANT, No. 194 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME THREE-STORY and brown-stone high-stoop house, built in a substantial manner; modern improvements; windows plate glass; lot 18 by half the block; terms easy. Apply on the premises, No. 54 West 24th-st.; seen from 10 to 4 o'clock.

HOTEL—HOTEL.—A FINE PROPERTY at Washington Heights, with large house, 50x80, and about eight acres; suitable for hotel, as it is the finest site in this City; running to Hudson River and fronting on Boulevard. POTTER BROTHERS, No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ON EASY TERMS, TWO F three-story brick high-stoop houses on West 27th-st., near 10th-av., very handsome, with gas fixtures, having an alley between them to the rear; each 18x40; lot 100. Apply to J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 449 6th-av.

FOR SALE—A TWO-STORY AND ATTIC F frame house in 126th-st., between 3d and 4th-avs.; lot 25x100, with all improvements. Inquire of ROBERT C. BROWN, No. 48 East Broadway, or A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., No. 77 Cedar-st.

FOR SALE—AN ENGLISH BASEMENT F four-story house, with all modern improvements, in the vicinity of Madison-sq. For further particulars inquire of ALBERT SMITH, Attorney and Counselor, No. 160 Fulton-st., New-York.

BOULEVARD.—A PARCEL OF LOTS FINE B ly located about 167th-st., running from Boulevard to Hudson River, with extensive water fronts, a barge gate. Maps at the office of
POTTER BROTHERS, No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE SOUTHWEST CORNER F of 23d-st. and 2d-av.; also the two-story brick house, being the tenth house west of Boulevard-place, on north side of 84th-st. Apply to ROBERT I. BROWN, No. 102 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE THREE-STORY BROWN-F stone front house No. 140 East 57th-st., two doors east of Lexington-av., in fine order, 18x45 feet; lot 100 feet; early possession. Price, $22,000. Apply at the house, or at No. 6 Burling-slip.

$35,000.—FIRST HOUSE EAST of Madison-av., in 42d-st., in fine order, one of the best houses of the size ever offered in this market; is well worth the attention of any one wishing a superb house; open from 3 to 5.

$17,500.—FOR SALE—A THREE-story high-stoop brown-stone front house, 18x47 feet, house 18x42; lot 18x100; in perfect order; and all modern improvements.
A. J. PERRY, No. 2 Nassau-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS OF GROUND, F each 25x100, south side of 121st-st., 200 feet west of 8th-av. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor.

FOR SALE—IN WEST 19TH-ST., NEAR UNIversity-place, a three-story and basement brownstone brick house, well finished, with all improvements. Inquire of S. W. BENEDICK, No. 355 6th-av.

NO. 26 WEST 30TH-ST.—FOR SALE—F Furnished or unfurnished; immediate possession if desired; very pleasant and perfect order. W. P. REYMOUR, No. 191 Broadway.

BOULEVARD.—LOTS ON 157TH-ST., NEAR B the Boulevard, running to Hudson River, with water front, for sale by J. R. WESTERFIELD, NO. 170 William-st.

FOR SALE—A NEAT THREE-STORY HIGH F stoop brick house, on 27th-st., between 6th and 7th-avs., 18x50, and 20 feet high; in beautiful order; $22,000. J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, 449 6th-av.

FOR SALE—A COMMODIOUS ENGLISH F basement house on 30th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs., 18x46; lot full depth; $18,000. J. F. WILLIAMS & SON, No. 449 6th-av.

BOULEVARD.—FROM ONE TO FORTY B lots in this City, adjoining the Boulevard, for bargains, improved and unimproved. POTTER BROTHERS, No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL BROWN-STONE F high-stoop four-story house, No. 167 West 34th-st.; lot 25x100; in front of the house on the premises. Price $24,000. Terms easy.

FOR SALE—AN ENGLISH BASEMENT F brown-stoop front house, No. 207 West 23d-st.; high ground and neighborhood first-class in every respect.

FIFTY-SEVENTH-ST., SOUTHEAST F corner 10th-av., four lots, gravel, for sale by
HAMILTON E. TOWLE, No. 79 Cedar-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

$5,000 FREE RIDES
OVER THE GRAND-ST. AND MEEKER-AV. RAILROAD,
BROOKLYN, TO THE SPLENDID LOTS IN THE KINGSLAND PROPERTY,
in the Seventeenth Ward, Brooklyn, to be sold absolutely and without reservation, by JOHNSON & MILLER, at 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, March 3, at the "Exchange." Maps and free tickets at the offices of
JOHNSON & MILLER,
No. 2 Nassau-st., New-York,
No. 189 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

SPLENDID DOCK PROPERTY
On Newtown Creek, to be sold by order of Messrs. A. C. Kingsland & Sons, at 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, at the Exchange. Maps at
JOHNSON & MILLER, No. 2 Nassau-st.

THE OPPORTUNITY.
Splendid Lots on West Side of Prospect Park.
JOHNSON & MILLER'S Great Sale on TUESDAY, March 3.

THE GREAT KINGSLAND SALE.
By order of Messrs. A. C. Kingsland & Sons, will afford the best opportunity ever offered to men of moderate means to purchase lots with a view of securing homes or for investment. Sale to take place on Newtown Property for Investment. Send to JOHNSON & MILLER'S, No. 2 Nassau-st., for maps and particulars.

PROSPECT PARK,
WEST SIDE.
Splendid Lots: Great Sale TUESDAY, March 3, at the Exchange. Send for maps to
JOHNSON & MILLER,
No. 2 Nassau-st., New-York.

MANUFACTURERS,
Who are looking for first-class wharf property, will do well to send at once to JOHNSON & MILLER'S, No. 2 Nassau-st., New-York, for maps of the great sale to be made by order of Messrs. A. C. Kingsland & Sons, at 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, March 3, at Exchange Salesroom.

FOR SALE—IN BROOKLYN—$15,000—AN ELegant and substantial three-story frame dwelling, 32x42, with extensions, 18x32, and 40x6, of ground; seating of four rooms, beautifully laid out; house has all improvements; neighborhood unexceptionably first-class. Apply on the premises, 264 Kent-av., near Myrtle-av., Brooklyn, or to H. A. HOOK, 162 Hicks-st., Brooklyn.

$6,000.—NEAT COTTAGE, SIZE, WITH with brick; nine rooms, front and back stairs; with two lots, each 25x100; large poultry house; Monroe-st., Brooklyn, N. Y. Apply from 9 to 12 A. M., to W. R. FITCH, No. 346 Broadway, New-York.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK—STATE OF NEW-YORK—THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK against J. F. NOURSE and JOHN DOE, composed of the firm of Jas. S. Noursse & Co.—Summons.—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of this County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office, 141 Broadway, corner of Liberty, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of five thousand dollars, with interest thereon from 20th October, 1868, besides the costs of this action.—Dated New-York, Jan. 8, 1869.
MILLER, PERT & OPDYKE,
Plaintiff's Attorneys, No. 141 Broadway, New-York.
J. S.—The complaint in the above-entitled action was this day duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the County Court-house, in the City of New-York.—Dated New-York, Jan. 22, 1869.
MILLER, PERT & OPDYKE.

CHANGE OF FIRM.—HENRY G. LENNOX retires from our firm, and JOSEPH M. MYERS, late of Memphis, becomes a member of it, 20th day of March, 1869.
P. M. MYERS & CO.,
No. 4 Vine-st.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.
CONSERVATOIRE DE BRABANT.
THE GREATEST OPERATIC TRIUMPH
EVER ACHIEVED IN AMERICA.
Sole Lessee and Director, Mr. MAX MARETZEK.
TO-NIGHT, FIRST REPRESENTATION.
TO-MORROW, LAST REPRESENTATION IN N. Y. of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BRABANT, which will be produced with the grand, unrivaled ensemble of the company, in the following order:
BOIELDIEU'S DESCHASSES RIGAUDON CLEF.
ENTIRE, CURRIER, LOCANDER, BERGERIE.
GABEL, Gendarme, the original role, PITOU.
BURGOIN, GORY, PETIT-MERCET.
WEDNESDAY, MATINEE, FLEUR DE THE.
No evening performance on Wednesday, the Theatre Français being wanted for the preparation of the Carnival Ball, which will take place on THURSDAY.
FRIDAY, BENEFIT OF MR. GARRIER.
In active rehearsal, LA VIE PARISIENNE.
After 8th October, subscription May price.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.
EXTRA MATINEE—WEDNESDAY.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1869, 1 o'clock.
FLEUR DE THE MATINEES.
which will be performed with the same great cast and equipment of nine months ago in the strong, gay, Adamique to all seats, $1. No extra charge for reserved seats. Seats in private box, $1.50.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
24th-st., next to the Fifth-avenue Hotel.
On MONDAY, March 1, and EVERY EVENING, appearance of the new vocalist,
MISS JENNIE KIMBALL,
who will make her debut as
JENNY LIND.
Great success of
POCAHONTAS,
crowded nightly to
CROWDED HOUSES,
with
THUNDERS OF APPLAUSE.
Doors open at 7½. Performance commences at 8 P. M. Box office open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT.
On MONDAY, March 8, will be produced, after orchestrical preparation, a GRAND SHAKESPEARIAN SIMPLIFICATION, to be called
MUCH ADO ABOUT
A MERCHANT OF VENICE,
in which Mr. Brougham will have an irrevocent shy at Shylock, for the first time.

THEATRE COMIQUE.
FOURTH WEEK AND DECIDED TRIUMPH OF THE GREAT BURLESQUE,
PLUTO. PLUTO. PLUTO.
Unquestionably transcendent in point of Artistic Elegance, Mirth-provoking Dialogue, Magnificent Wardrobe, Gorgeous Scenery and Tableaux Brilliant.
The charming ALICE DUNNING as ORPHEUS, whose superior and attractive abilities have won for her the title of THE QUEEN OF BURLESQUE.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN—WILLIS OLDER, the Second Winter Exhibition of pictures and sculptures, now open day and evening, 23d-st., corner 4th-av., will close on THURSDAY NIGHT, March 4.

THE COMING VELOCIPEDE.—For the first-class coming man is TOWLES "MUSTANG," visible and for sale at No. 76 Cedar-st.

MEETINGS.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW-YORK—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—The Annual Commencement of the Medical Department of the University will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, March 2, 1869, at 8 o'clock, in the Chapel of the University, Washington-square. The Address to the Graduates will be delivered by Prof. THOMSON. The profession and the public are respectfully invited to attend.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE lot-owners of the Green-Wood Cemetery will be held at the office of the Cemetery, No. 32 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 12½ o'clock, to receive the annual report of the Board of Trustees.
J. A. PERRY, Secretary.
Feb. 26, 1869.

DANCING.

DUMAR'S DANCING ACADEMY, NO. 24 West 4th-st.—Classes every day and evening; all fashionable dances taught in one quarter; six in six private lessons.

A. DODWORTH'S DANCING Academy, at No. 806 5th-av., and at his residence, No. 681 8th-av. Send for a circular.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA
RAILROAD LINE.
$11 TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN.
Special excursion tickets at the above rates, good only in special trains, will be issued to those who desire to attend the
INAUGURATION OF GEN. GRANT
on the 4th of March next.
Special trains will leave foot of Cortlandt-st., New-York, TUESDAY, March 2, following the 8:45 P. M. train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and at 8 A. M. and 3:45 P. M. trains. These trains will stop at Newark, Elizabeth and Rahway.
Tickets for sale at foot of Cortlandt-st., New-York; at Hudson-st., No. 1 Exchange-pl.; also, at depot, Jersey City, and stations at Marion, Newark and Elizabeth and Rahway.
ROBERT P. JACKSON, Gen'l Sup't.
F. W. RAYNER, Gen'l Passenger Agent.
Feb. 23, 1869.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
OFFICE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY,
ERIE BUILDING

REAL ESTATE AND RENTS.

Rapid Increase of Real Property Values—Its Cause and Course—No General Advance in Rents Probable for the Coming Year.

It requires no great amount of discernment to make one aware of the fact that the constant push of our City population is toward the north end of Manhattan Island. Down-town residences are becoming less numerous every year, while the erection of buildings for business purposes in their stead is continually carried on. Trade is extending itself across town in the lower sections of the City, and all that portion of New-York south of Fourteenth-street, from river to river, is evidently destined, at no very distant day, to be devoted entirely to the imperious demands of commercial traffic. So great has been the increase of trade, that in almost any portion of the section we allude to, real property has become altogether too valuable for residence purposes. The staid old Gothamites who, half a century since, lived in State-street, and imagined that the Battery (then the evening resort of the ben ton) would remain "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," and that their palatial homes, (speaking after the manner of things in that day,) would be kept sacred from the intrusion of trade and traffic, could they now arise from their graves, would find that commerce is no respecter of the antiquities; that no matter how hallowed the associations which may have consecrated their former hearths and homes, all have had to recede before the inroads of Mammon. And what is true of this locality holds good regarding all sections of the lower wards.

In the Fourth and Sixth Wards, even, where tenement-houses once outnumbered all other classes of buildings, and where pestilence was annually bred in consequence, there are indications that commerce is gradually spreading itself and making these human hives give way before its onward and unresisted march. There is going on, in fact, constantly, a rooting out of the rookeries, and a double benefit is thus being conferred on the City by the augmenting traffic which shows itself all around us. East Broadway, where once were the residences of our wealthy citizens, is fast becoming exclusively devoted to the domiciliation of tailors, shoemakers, and the mechanic classes, while, ever and anon, the presence of lager-beer saloons where once were the parlors of the rich and stately, plainly evinces the fact that this whilom abode of wealth and fashion is settling up by honest, hard-working Teutons of less stylish pretensions. These, in time, will locate elsewhere; and having, like all the other thoroughfares down town, gone through the successive gradations that mark the establishment of commercial traffic, East Broadway will at last be unconditionally resigned to business purposes exclusively. The east side of the City, skirting the river from Corlear's Hook to Turtle Bay, (foot of Forty-sixth-street,) has not increased in value as rapidly as property on the North River side. This is possibly owing to the fact that Hell Gate presents a standing obstacle to its advance, in a ratio proportioned to that which obtains on the opposite side of the City. As measures are in progress to do away with this impediment to navigation, it is probable that a rise in value will soon be felt by all property east of the Bowery and between the two points just named. The East Side Improvement Association is doing much to bring about this highly desirable state of things. When it shall be effected, the increase of trade arising therefrom will necessarily create a demand for sites for large stores, warehouses, &c., and the population now domiciled in the streets running from, as well as those running parallel with, the East River, will be compelled to find residences in the upper portions of the City. Business is also creeping into the Fifth-avenue, Fourteenth and other streets that, not many years since, were supposed to be safe from its intrusion. The advance of trade in these select localities is first made known by the presence of fashionable tailors' and milliners' stores, which are patronized only by the wealthiest of our citizens. As time goes on, however, other tradesmen gradually creep into these streets, owing to the inevitable law that one kind of business, when established in a thoroughfare, always draws others in its wake, and thus, in a few years, the residents are fairly hunted out by the growing demands of trade for additional room, and are compelled to find other places of domiciliation. Of course this has a tendency to increase the value of up-town property, and owners, taking advantage of the rise, put it in market. The increased value, however, is often fictitious. We know of one instance where a speculator in real estate bought at auction, just one year ago, a plot of land in the vicinity of Central Park for $8,000, and has just disposed of it at private sale for $10,000, realizing 100 per cent. profit. There can be no legitimate cause for so sudden a rise as this in property values, for nothing has taken place within the intervening year to warrant it; yet the sale was made with facility. This probably is, however, an exceptional case. Four plots in Tenth-avenue near Seventy-fifth-street were purchased five years ago for $800 each, and were sold a few days since for $2,000. Messrs. BROWN BROTHERS & Co., lately made a purchase, at private sale, of lots on Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, near Grand-avenue, for $45,000. A block of land bounded by Seventieth and Seventy-first streets, Eighth and Ninth avenues, was sold for $640,000. A single lot in Seventy-seventh-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, brought $6,000; and lots in the middle of the block, in Seventy-first-street, between Eighth and Grand avenues, were sold for $9,000. The tendency of those who desire to erect residences seems to be to locate above Fifty-ninth-street, the southerly extremity of the Park, and property in that section is consequently daily advancing in value. Many purchasers, however, in anticipation of the "good time coming," when we are to have steam communication, by underground railroad or otherwise, with the extreme end of Manhattan Island, are investing in lands around Fort Washington, and even still further northward, in the direction of Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The sale, in October last, of 128 acres of the Dyck estate, comprising the site of old Fort George, which was divided up into 231 plots, each cost ranging from 3½ to 11½ City lots, has greatly tended to draw attention to this portion of the island, and has turned the tide of speculation in this direction. There is every reason to believe that the ventures made here will prove to be highly profitable.

The population of the City of New-York, in 1855, is recorded as 629,000; in 1865, as 770,000; in 1868, as 871,210; in 1868, as 929,016, and in 1869 as 912,062. Assuming these figures as a basis, it does than twenty years the City will contain more than 2,000,000 of inhabitants, and, of necessity, all the available parts of the island will be covered with improvements. What aspect it will then present it is impossible to define; but reasoning from analogy and from an intimate geographical knowledge of the island, the probabilities are that wharves will border the City to Spuyten Duyvil Creek, while the high land from Manhattanville to Kingsbridge will be occupied by the residences of the wealthiest citizens. What City lots of the regular size, 25 by 100 feet, will then be worth, on the heights of Fort George, or on Broadway in that neighborhood, no one can with certainty say; but is it not safe, in the light of the past, to predict that the prices of the first will equal those paid for lots on Murray Hill, and the prices of the second equal those now paid for lots on Broadway, between Thirty-fourth and Forty-second streets? When the cross streets north of Fifty-ninth-street shall be cut through and properly improved, and the public parks, drives and boulevards, already contemplated by the Central Park Commissioners, shall be completed, property in this northern section of the island will become more valuable than the most sanguine now anticipate.

At present more buildings are being erected on the eastern side of the City, above Forty-second-street, taking Sixth-avenue as the dividing line, than on the westerly side, for the reason that streets in the denominated section are already opened, and many of them are graded and paved. On the west side, however, there are few opened streets from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Sixteenth. The number of residences erected in the City during the year 1868 is 1,874, being 218 more than in 1867. Of this number upward of 900 were built in the Nineteenth Ward alone. The number of buildings commenced during the year, but not completed on the 1st of January last is 2,112. There is every prospect that, when the Spring shall have fairly set in, the building business in the upper portion of the City will be unusually brisk. Capitalists are beginning to appreciate the fact that investments in real estate up-town are likely to pay as handsome profits as can be realized from any other class of money ventures, and are consequently turning their energies, to a very great degree, in this direction. The erection of residences on the north end of the island is keeping pace with the increase of our population, and when improved means of travel and communication between the extremes of Manhattan shall be fully established, it will leave the entire lower section of the City exclusively in the hands of trade and commerce. Perhaps another score of years shall have passed by, although there may be a few blocks of tenement-houses scattered here and there in the business part of the City, it is probable that the scenes of all who lay claim to being even moderately "respectable" in the social world will be found either above Fortieth-street, or in the suburban districts outside of the Metropolis. The completion of the contemplated bridges across the East and Harlem Rivers, will tend to draw off masses of our teeming population to Long Island and Westchester, though, before that time comes, doubtless, the towns and villages adjacent to New-York (except such as are in the State of New-Jersey) will constitute part and parcel of the Empire City, and be all under one municipal government.

It is not probable that rents will be increased for the year commencing in May next, at least so far as single residences are concerned. There is no scarcity of houses to let, as may be made fully apparent by calling at the office of any real estate broker. The opinion generally entertained among the majority of these gentlemen is, that rentals will remain at about the present figures. Those who have on hand houses that are to be vacated on the 1st of May, ask the same rents as are now being paid for them, and entertain no fears that the demand for residences will exceed the supply. Of course there are some exceptions to this statement as to rentals, and cases exist where an increase is asked for by landlords; but for this prospective increase there are special causes, such as improvements introduced into the buildings or their surroundings, increased facilities for City travel by means of railroad lines lately put in operation, &c. But where there is no such special cause tending to make a particular residence more desirable than it was on the 1st of May last, there is, as a general rule, no higher rent demanded than is now paid. Exceptional cases exist, too, where avaricious landlords are attempting to get advanced rentals from their tenants on the ground that a rise in rents is going to be generally demanded. These need not be frightened into paying increased rates on this account, however, for houses may be procured from owners who are content to get the prices that they now obtain; and if tenants generally will give evidence that they "read the papers," and know what the true state of things is, as well as the landlords themselves, they will find that the latter will not be exceedingly strenuous in pressing their demands for an increase. When a landlord has a tenant from whom he is regularly receiving his stipulated rent, he will not be anxious to lose him, and run the risk of getting one instead who may not be so prompt in his payments. Last year, led away by the cry that was set up as to a scarcity of residences on the market, many landlords parted with good tenants, and got in their places others who either did not pay at all, or who were so dilatory in meeting their obligations that they gave the landlords much annoyance; and in some cases the places to let remained in that condition for many months after the first of May. It may be said with regard to tenement-houses, however, and as to the letting of apartments therein, that a decline is generally manifested by owners to demand an increase of rent. The landlords of these always endeavor, about a month or two before May day, to recommodate their tenements to their invariable demands, like Oliver Twist, for "more;" and as the erection of this class of new buildings has not kept pace with the putting up of houses designed for single families, (or for two families at most,) such as are forced, by a lack of pecuniary means, to find their homes in tenement rooms, may be compelled to submit to the payment of higher rentals. This state of things can never be properly remedied until additional and more speedy facilities are provided for reaching the upper portion of the island, or those districts adjacent to the City, where rents, property and rents are now held at comparatively low figures.

There are numerous reasons this year why there should be no general increase in rents. More buildings were erected in 1868 than in many previous years during the last decade. A very large proportion of these belong to parties who heretofore have lived only in hired houses, but who now have risen to the *status* of real estate owners, and who will leave their present domiciles in the City awaiting occupants. This remark will apply particularly to Brooklyn, where the building business was remarkably brisk during the past year. In the Ninth Ward of that city alone, incredible as the statement may appear, there were erected during the year 1868 upward of *two thousand* houses, most of which were built by speculators, and all of which will await tenants on the 1st of May. The putting into operation of the Southside Railroad, on Long Island, too, has been the cause of leading men of moderate means to invest in lots where they could be purchased at cheap rates along the line of that road, and within an hour's ride, or less, from Williamsburg. Upon these, modest but comfortable tenements have been erected, and the month of May will find them occupied by whilom tenants in New-York, but now owners of these suburban residences. "Moving Day" will, in fact, if present indications are to be relied on, witness a greater exodus from the City of all classes of tenants than has ever before been known, and if those who are compelled by the nature of their avocations, or who from any other cause desire to remain residents of the Metropolis are led to submit to a demand for increased rent under the belief that other houses are not to be had, the fault will be simply their own.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Obsequies of the Late David T. Valentine—Discourses by Rev. Dr. J. R. Kendrick.

The obsequies of the late DAVID T. VALENTINE took place yesterday at the Baptist Tabernacle, Second-avenue, near Tenth-street, the church in which the deceased gentleman worshiped for twenty-five years. It had been announced that the solemn services would begin at 10:30 o'clock, but long before that hour a large congregation occupied every part of the church, except such seats in the centre aisle as were reserved for the use of the relatives of the deceased and members of the Municipal Government with which Mr. VALENTINE was so long and so honorably connected. At 10:30 o'clock the funeral procession, which had formed at Mr. VALENTINE'S late residence in East Twenty-fifth-street, proceeded thence to the Tabernacle, and the corpse was borne up the main aisle and deposited in front of the preacher's desk, where the upper half of the lid was removed, leaving the features of the deceased exposed to view. The appearance of the corpse was singularly life-like. The remains were inclosed in a highly-polished burial case of rosewood, with heavy mountings of plated silver. This bore also a silver plate, on which were inscribed the name, age and date of death. Crosses and crowns of camellias were placed on the lid of the casket. The pallbearers were Ex-Judge James R. Whiting, Edward Colgate, Samuel Shardlow, Smith Sheldon, James Cooper, A. J. Winterton, William Winterton and J. H. Brown. All the above-named gentlemen, except Judge Whiting, are deacons of the Tabernacle Church, of which Mr. VALENTINE was likewise a deacon. The widow, children and other relatives of the deceased occupied seats near the pulpit, and behind them were seated the representatives of the City Government. As the procession of mourners marched slowly up the aisle the choir chanted a dirge, which, being concluded, Rev. J. S. HOLMES, of Trinity Baptist Church, read the 14th and 16th verses of the xlvth chapter of St. John: "I am the resurrection and the life," &c., and also the 15th chapter of 1. Corinthians. Rev. GEORGE HATT, City Missionary, then offered up prayer. "He thanked God that he whose lips are closed in death was made a partaker of Divine grace, and had evinced his undying love for God's glory; that he was never ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, surrounded though he often was by men of different creeds and different characters; and that, to the end, he remained steadfast to the teachings of faith." The prayer being finished, the choir sang the old hymn, commencing

"How blest the righteous when he dies
When sinks the weary soul to rest."

Rev. J. RYLAND KENDRICK, D. D., Pastor of the Tabernacle, then preached the funeral discourse. There was, he doubted not, some passage in the Bible indicative of the lives of each of God's children; and with regard to this particular Christian soul who had been called hence, he thought the Scripture might supply a word that would emphasize their ideas. In the 36th verse of the xiiith chapter of Acts he read: "After he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." This is spoken of King David; but were he (the preacher) called upon to write the epitaph of their deceased friend and brother Christian, he knew of nothing that would more strikingly indicate the life of Mr. VALENTINE than the sentence he had just read. David's life showed that his heart was in the business of serving God. But he likewise served his own age faithfully; and, in serving it, he served all the ages. After dwelling on this point at some length, and showing how, like David's, in this respect was the life of the deceased, the speaker alluded to the dignity and reward of a useful public career. Such a life is sublime with the inspirations of beauty. To serve the present age is the duty of every man, each acting in his own allotted sphere, and exercising whatsoever talent God has given him. The true man must inevitably be of service to his fellows, and must leave his impress wide and deep on the age that comes after him. Our first duty is to serve God; but we cannot disconnect this from the service of mankind; they go together—piety and usefulness, religion and philanthropy. There are, it is true, many men of warm and charitable hearts, practical philanthropists in every sense, who are without religion. He would say nothing to dispraise them, nor to lessen their charitable impulses; but candor compelled the avowal that, in the highest and best sense, they were not serving their generation according to the will of God. To fulfill this requirement, religion must be intimately connected with, and be the mainspring of all our actions. It became the public officer as well as the citizen in private station. Although, he said, he could not fully subscribe to the doctrine that an honest man is the noblest work of God, he confessed that he reverenced that quality which is described by the strong but homely word "integrity." He maintained a profound respect for honesty in public life, whether it be found at Albany, in Washington, or in this great metropolis; but, noble as was the honest man, the Christian man was nobler still. Their deceased friend came fully up to this requirement. The life of Christian life is sure of its reward. There is nothing more true than the old aphorism, "Virtue is its own reward." There is a positive luxury in doing good, and by the force of our example influencing others in the same course. It is something consoling to grow old in the consciousness of being esteemed by a whole community. For such a man as this—for the aged Christian—dying is but going home, and departure hence is simply to enjoy the full fruition of eternal beatitude. Such a life—such a death, he believed, was DAVID T. VALENTINE'S. His life was a public one. Few names in our great City were better known than his; few men were more respected. He was a member of the old school—another of the old landmarks of New-York society now removed. The reverend preacher then briefly sketched the life of the deceased, as heretofore given in the TIMES, and paid a glowing tribute to his many virtues, social as well as purely religious. His thirty-one years' service as Clerk of the Common Council show his capacity, as well as the implicit trust that was reposed in him. Notwithstanding the mutations of party politics, he was always retained in office; and after having passed through so many years of service, he (the speaker) no longer dares not to-day assume the character he has left behind him. The speaker then alluded to Mr. VALENTINE'S fondness for the olden times in New-York, and the great pleasure he always took in conversing respecting them. He spoke, also, of what had often been remarked of him, his strong resemblance to GEORGE WASHINGTON, and said that every one would remember how this thought occurred to their minds when they first saw the deceased. Much as he would be missed in civil life, however, he would be still more regretted by the congregation of which he was so devoted and pious a member. He was prized as one who served with all the ardor of his nature the cause of Jesus Christ. At 15 years of age he joined the Baptist denomination, and was baptized in the old Mulberry-street Church, by Rev. Dr. McLAREN. In 1843 he was made a deacon of the Tabernacle Church, and continued in the discharge of his diaconate duties until his death. He was in truth, a devoted Baptist of the old school. When, in 1864, he left the public office he had held so long, his mind and body missed their accustomed stimulus, and general debility ensued. Throughout all his illness, however, his trust was in his Saviour, and his departure hence was calm and peaceful. Literally, "he fell on sleep," and went to the bosom of his Father and his God. The old and faithful clerk has ceased to write; the hand of the scribe has forgot its cunning, and cares of office no longer vex his brain. But he has gone to scrutinize the books the Recording Angel is writing for us all, and to receive the reward of his faith and unbounded trust in Jesus Christ. The preacher then addressed words of consolation to the bereaved relatives, and to the members of the congregation with whom he worshiped so many years, and closed his eloquent discourse with the hope that they would all be reunited in Heaven, whither the deceased had simply gone in advance of them.

The closing prayer was then offered up by Rev. J. S. HOLMES, after which was sung the hymn,

"I would not live alway,"

and the solemn services were finished with the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. GEORGE HATT.

An opportunity was then given for the congregation to take a final look at the remains, after which they were conveyed to Green-Wood Cemetery, followed by a large train of mourning relatives and friends.

Special Sermon to Policemen by Rev. Walter Delafield.

Yesterday afternoon a special service was held in Grace Chapel, Fourteenth-street, for members of the Metropolitan Police Force. There were about 400 men present, with several Captains and Sergeants, and also a fair attendance of the members of the congregation, so that the chapel was well filled. Prayers and a passage of Scripture were read by Rev. Mr. PROUT. The order of evening prayer was not used on the occasion, but a selection from the Collects of the Church, interspersed with hymns and anthems.

Rev. WALTER DELAFIELD preached, taking his text from the Gospel of St. Luke, 24th chapter, and 47th verse, "Beginning at Jerusalem." These, he said, were among the last words of our blessed Lord upon earth, and therefore full of deep significance and import to us all. The eleven apostles were gathered together in their upper chamber, in the Holy City, in loneliness and dismay. Two disciples had just returned from Emmaus with tidings that "the Lord is risen, indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon;" and while they were yet speaking Jesus stood in their midst and said, "Peace be upon you." Then opened they their understandings, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." The speaker then adverted to the place of wickedness and sin, and yet returns heavenwards as it came. Nay more, have you like that ray of sunshine sought by your very presence to show a way of escape to some poor lost trembling sinful creature, by leading him to his Saviour, or at least to bring a blush of shame upon his cheek! What wondrous opportunities the Lord gives you to be preachers of His good tidings to lost man. You go, where we can never be called for; you see what we can never see, sinful men and women with the veil of their sinfulness torn aside. There can be no need of an argument about eternal punishment with you; your whole experience is chiefly connected with punishment—with the determined separation of bad from good; bring, lost men and women from the pure, the holy, and the good. Surely your daily life must warn you that "the way of the transgressor is hard." Oh, then, begin at Jerusalem, beloved—begin at your own sinful hearts. Go, seek your Saviour to come and dwell therein, and enable you to be good, true men to Him.

The service concluded with the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

Temperance Meeting.

There was a very large attendance yesterday at the Forsyth-street M. E. Church, on the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of the Temperance Society attached thereto. The exercises took place under the auspices of Beacon Lodge of Good Templars, and were of a very interesting character. Rev. FREDERICK BROWN presided, and Rev. E. T. JONES and Mr. C. F. LATOUR delivered stirring addresses. An appropriate solo was well sung by a young lady, a member of the Lodge, and several hymns were sung by the audience under the leadership of the Senior Bible Class of the Sabbath School.

The Duty of Submitting Civil Governments—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Thompson.

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON preached last evening at the Broadway Tabernacle, on the duties of Christians toward Government and rulers. He said the incoming Administration cannot escape the three-fold cord which hangs about every Administration elected without sharply-defined party lines. It will be embarrassed by eager expectation, intent opposition and jealous criticism. None of these represent the attitude which a Christian should occupy toward the Government. It is our duty to study to sustain Government as such. With mere political interests the Gospel and consequently the pulpit has no concerns. But Government as an institution the Gospel recognizes as ordained of God. Men establish the form of Government and the details of its execution; Government itself rests on a higher authority. The New Testament teaches that we are bound to support Government by the payment of proper taxes; it teaches that Governments are endowed with the sword to terrify evil doers, and it teaches that we owe obedience to the laws. The gospel does not, however, require blind obedience. These general rules are modified by other considerations. No law can compel us to act in opposition to the will of God, nor to commit any violation of the truth. The Gospel does not, however, justify violent measures to subvert even an unjust Government for conscience sake. We should commit no wrong, but it is better to submit to injustice then to resort to forcible opposition. Paul, who wrote his injunctions under the rule of Nero, tells us that we may protest against injustice, we may argue against it, we may change the ruler by suitable forms, but we are bound to support the Government. When we see Judges abuse their positions, we may do all in our power, by protests, arguments and the ballot-box to remedy the evil, but we have no right to take the enforcement of justice into our own hands. As to the persons in power it is our duty to give them a fair trial, and to give them our support and encouragement until they prove themselves unworthy. To assume an attitude of critical hostility toward a public officer because we did not chance to vote for him, is to doom the country forever to a rule of alternating parties. Finally the Scriptures enjoin upon us to pray for those in authority, to pray that they may be wise and moderate and honest. We need the interposition of Divine power to stay the corruption of the times.

Sermon by Rev. Phillips Brooks Before the Young Men's Christian Association.

As has been usual on such occasions, since the commencement of the series of sermons before the Young Men's Christian Association, Dr. VERMILYE'S Church, corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street, was last evening crowded to excess by an attentive congregation, largely made up of members of the Association and their friends from different churches. Rev. PHILLIPS BROOKS preached an eloquent and earnest sermon, taking as his text the words of St. John—"God is light, God is love."

He began by picturing the moral change which has been wrought in the world within the past two centuries, that change being the direct and grand results of the advent of Christ, who embodied in himself God's character of light and love, and then went on to illustrate the necessity of the combination as a moral force whereby the world of mankind is to be purified and elevated nearer to their God. The Church with light only would be a mere laboratory, a lecture-room. With love alone she would degenerate into mere sentimental ritualism. With both, she is prepared for that high mission whereto God hath ordained her. Light alone in the individual results in a dogmatical philosophy; love alone, in mere promiscuous good-nature. Light and love, the essential elements of God's own character, and which he imparts to those who seek it through Christ, are the combination which purifies and elevates the aspirant to the standard of the perfect Christian. Science and philanthropy, the one illustrating light, the other love, were the two great forces which, moving hand in hand, were to be relied on for the purification and elevation of the world still higher and nearer the Creator in the future as they have been hitherto.

Dedication of Nostrand-avenue, Brooklyn, M. E. Chapel.

The chapel of the Nostrand-avenue M. E. Church, Brooklyn, was duly dedicated yesterday. Rev. R. H. RUFF is the pastor. He appears to have labored assiduously to bring this new enterprise to completion. The chapel is a neat Gothic edifice, fronting on Quincy-street forty feet, and running back eighty-five feet. The interior of the building has a high arched ceiling and a rear gallery. The furniture is of black walnut and presents a neat appearance. There is sufficient area to provide seats for the 500 persons the seats are calculated to accommodate. There is a Sunday school room in the basement of the main building. The main edifice will front on Nostrand-avenue, and will measure sixty by ninety feet. The same style will be preserved in the construction of the main building. The location is in a region which is being specially developed by the ever-increasing population that is gathering from New-York and other crowded neighborhoods. The chapel has already cost $23,000; of this the sum of $17,000 has been paid, leaving a balance of $6,000 to be raised. An effort was made at the various services yesterday to raise $2,000 toward liquidating this debt. The Sunday School is capable of accommodating 400 children, and that number is now in regular attendance.

Bishop JAMES delivered the dedication sermon yesterday forenoon to a crowded congregation. He preached from the text Hebrews, chapt. vii., 24th, 25th and 26th verses: "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood," &c.

In the afternoon the Sunday School was addressed by Chaplain C. C. MCCABE, of Ohio, Rev. S. M. HAMMOND, former pastor of the Church, and Mr. WM. CHURCHILL, of Chicago.

Rev. H. B. RIDGEWAY, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, New-York, preached in the evening to a large and deeply interested congregation.

A New House for the Aged and Indigent.

For some time past subscriptions have been raised in the Church of Rev. Dr. CHAPIN, corner Fifth-avenue and Forty-fifth-street, for the purpose of founding a home for aged and indigent persons of both sexes. A meeting was held on Saturday evening, in the lecture room of the church, for the purpose of furthering the end in view, and deciding on the purchase of ground for the building. The officers of the Association being ladies, Mrs. CHAPIN, the direct charge to the congregation, and Rev. Mr. GARDNER was to the new pastor. Mr. WILSON has been officiating in the church for some months. The present building is of wood, and was erected fifteen years ago. Lots have been purchased in Fifty-sixth-street, between Broadway and Seventh-avenue, for a new church, to be built of brick.

THE VELOCIPEDE FUROR.

A Grand Velocipede Tournament to Take Place on Long Island—A Letter from the Park Engineer.

The Managers of the Prospect Park Driving Association, of Brooklyn, have made arrangements to signalize their first annual Spring meeting with a grand velocipede tournament, by which they intend to inaugurate a series of bicycle contests on their handsome course during the ensuing Summer. A feature of the Parisian racing meetings now is the velocipede races, and they have proved far more attractive and exciting than even the turf meetings. The Prospect Park Association Course is a long one, and just suited for velocipede riding, and it is to be specially prepared for the races in question, the velocipede contests taking the lead of the horse races on the course of the coming Spring meetings.

It is intended to make this tournament an exhibition of velocipede riding unprecedented in this country, and as the list of entries will be open to all comers, there will of course be considerable competition. The highest rate of speed reached on a Parisian course has been a mile in 2:14, but this was done only on one occasion, and has not been equaled since. A mile in three minutes is very fast time.

The races will be governed by a special code of rules, which will include handicapping for weight of machines and riders, diameter of driving wheels, and extent of treadles. The amount which will be presented in prizes will reach $1,500. There will be first, second and third prizes for the greatest speed; prizes for best time made, and prizes for slow riding. The tournament will afford not only an excellent opportunity for a display of skill in American velocipede riding, but also a fair chance to show of the merits of the different styles of velocipedes. There is no doubt of the fact that the races will create an excitement, and we should not be surprised to see 20,000 people there.

All those intending to enter the lists should at once set to work to get themselves in training by practicing road-riding. It will be found to be no child's play to run a mile race on a velocipede against a well-trained amateur, and a good deal of practice should be had by all of our leading experts who desire to enter the lists. The tournament will take place the last of April. We shall give due announcement of the details of the programme as soon as the arrangements are prepared it.

To oblige several Brooklyn correspondents, who desired to learn officially whether velocipede riding was allowed in Prospect Park, we made inquiries at the office of the Commissioners, and from the appended note it will be seen what privileges are accorded to bicycle venturers on the domains of the Park Commissioners:

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, BROOKLYN PARK, BROOKLYN, Feb. 26, 1869.

DEAR SIR: The velocipede riders have been and are permitted to make use of the drives of the Park, and are also allowed to use the tarred area or plank walks at Fort Greene. The question of the general use of the Park by velocipede riders has not, as yet, been officially acted upon by the Commissioners. Respectfully yours,

JNO. T. CUYLER,
Assistant-Engineer in charge.

From the above it will be seen that velocipedists can avail themselves of all the privileges in Prospect Park granted to equestrians, for they can use all the bridle paths and plankways in the Park. The most important part of the official announcement, however, to Brooklyn velocipedists is that relating to the use of the walks in Washington Park, which park is bounded by Myrtle and Ryerson avenues and Cumberland, Canton and Raymond streets. As all the walks are at their service in this park, and especially the extensive level plaza—concrete paved—on the corner of the park facing Canton-street, there will, no doubt, be a rush of velocipedists to this locality as soon as the ice and snow disappear.

This evening another new hall is to be opened to the public in Brooklyn, it being located in the basement hall of the Phœnix Building, No. 16 Court-street. The fact of its being in the immediate vicinity of the fashionable velocipede course on Clinton-street will make it quite a popular resort. The entertainment for the ladies at this hall on the night in question will include an exhibition of riding by the leading experts of the city, and also the first display of a Democrat machine in Brooklyn.

A Mr. QUINN, a resident of Brooklyn, has invented an ingenious improvement in the velocipede by means of which the rider can turn his vehicle to practical use. The wheels are so arranged that riding is unattended with the jolting annoyance, and inevitable except on a smooth surface. The elasticity given to the wheels is such as not to impede but rather help the motion of the velocipede in its progress on the street, while the rider is enabled to make crossings and run over cobble-stone pavements with impunity and without jarring. Mr. QUINN'S want of the necessary capital is all that prevents the public having the immediate benefit of this useful invention.

Fire in Thirty-Eighth-street.

At 12 o'clock last evening a fire was discovered in the stable of WILLIAM H. WHITE, No. 121 West Thirty-eighth-street, which was not subdued until the building and a large portion of the contents had been consumed. The building was owned by JOSIAH JACKS, and was entirely destroyed, leaving a loss of $2,000, on which there is no insurance. Ten horses and several carriages, the property of Mr. WHITE, and valued at $10,000, were consumed. Upon this property there were policies for $7,000, in the Grocers' and Firemen's Insurance Companies. The origin of the fire was not ascertained.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

AS JOHN FELM, aged 42, residence unknown, and his son GEORGE, aged 17, were passing down Seventh-avenue, near Thirtieth-street, at an early hour yesterday morning, they met one JOSEPH RICKETTS, and became involved in an altercation with him. During the fight which ensued, one of the FELMS stabbed RICKETTS in the back with a pocket knife, causing a painful but not dangerous wound. He was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, and the two assailants arrested by Officer HARLOW, of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, to await the result of an examination.

Capt. JOHN YOUNG and several Headquarter detectives will leave to-day for Washington to attend the inauguration of President GRANT, and look out for the large number of professional thieves who it is known have already left town for the capital.

At 4 A. M. yesterday a fire broke out on the third floor of No. 185 Bowery, occupied by O. ALTENBOUGH as a piano-forte manufactory, who sustained a loss of $2,000. The second floor is occupied by J. C. DUFF & Co., manufacturers of glue and flint paper. Loss $500. The first floor is unoccupied, and the building was damaged to the extent of $1,000.

Coroner FLYNN held an inquest yesterday at the Ward Police Station, over the body of AMITE THORN, the man who died suddenly on Saturday at the Barclay-street Ferry. Deceased was a resident of Hudson City, N. J., and died from disease of the heart. He was a native of Switzerland, and 52 years of age.

MARIA WILSON, a colored widow, aged 44, died suddenly yesterday, at No. 211 West Thirteenth-street. Deceased had been for some time an invalid from consumption.

On Saturday evening a gang of burglars attempted to force their way into the store of MICHAEL SILVERSTONE, at No. 157 West Broadway, by cutting through the floor from the cellar. As they were disturbed while at work, they abandoned the effort and escaped.

ISAAC H. ALLEN fell from his truck in Avenue B, on Saturday, and fractured both legs. He was taken to his brother's residence, No. 60 Columbia-street.

From the Central Park meteorological report for the week ending Feb. 27, it appears that the mean height of the barometer during that time was 30.360 inches; Maximum at 7 A. M., Feb. 22, 30.434 inches; minimum at 3 P. M. Feb. 23, 29.146 inches. The mean of the thermometer was 22.429°; Maximum at 2 P. M. Feb. 22, 49.5°; minimum at 11 P. M. Feb. 27, 80.0°; range, 29.5°. On Feb. 21 it commenced raining at 1 P. M., duration of showers, with mists intervening, 48 hours, 30 minutes; amount of rain, .56 inch. On Feb. 26 it commenced snowing at 6:30 A. M. and stopped at 8:45 P. M.; depth of snow 6 inches.

Last evening a wedding party was assembled in the parlor of H. HARRIS, No. 67 Madison-avenue, when two kerosene lamps exploded. Great confusion ensued, and a boy seized the lamps and promptly throwing them out of the window no damage was done.

An altercation occurred last evening, at No. 16 Downing-street, between REDMOND CONDON and PATRICK RYAN, during which the latter was so cut and beaten about the head that he was seriously wounded, and was removed to Bellevue Hospital. CONDON was arrested and locked up in the Greenwich-street Station-house, for an examination before Justice DODGE this morning.

MARGARET O'BRIEN was taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday afternoon, suffering from wounds received on the 23d ult., at No. 219 Waterstreet, during a fight with ELIZABETH MCCABE. The latter was arrested and detained in the Oak-street Station-house.

WILLIAM BOWERS *alias* Baxter and HENRY BUTTS became engaged in a *melee* yesterday afternoon, in Batavia-street, during which Baxter fired a revolver at his antagonist, but without result. He was locked up in the Oak-street Station-house.

JOHN HANNEKAMP, a German grocer at No. 65 East Twenty-third-street, fell dead in his cellar yesterday afternoon. The Coroner was notified.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 27—1 P. M.

Consols closed at 93¾ for both money and the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds closed at 83. Stocks quiet; Erie, 20¼; Illinois, 96¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 27.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 27—1 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed quiet at the following quotations: Middling Uplands, 11¾d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day have footed up 10,000 bales.

PROVISIONS—Lard, 74s. ⅌ cwt.

PRODUCE—Tallow, 42s. 6d. ⅌ cwt.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 27.

Spirits Turpentine, 28s. ⅌ cwt.

HAVRE, Saturday, Feb. 27.

COTTON—The market is nominal and unchanged.

ANTWERP, Saturday, Feb. 27—Evening.

United States Five-twenty Bonds closed at 84 for the issue of 1862.

PARIS, Saturday, Feb. 27—Evening.

The Bourse closed quiet; Rentes 71f. 27c.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 27—Evening.

Sugars closed at 28s. ⅌ cwt. for No. 12, Dutch Standard, afloat. Tallow, 42s. 3d. ⅌ cwt.

ANTWERP, Saturday, Feb. 27—Evening.

Petroleum closed dull and unchanged.

HAVRE, Saturday, Feb. 27—Evening.

COTTON—The market closed firmer at 141f. ⅌ cwt. for Tres Ordinaire, on the spot, and 142f. for Low Middlings, afloat.

FRANKFORT, Sunday, Feb. 28.

United States bonds firmer and higher. Five-twenties 84¼ for the issue of 1862.

HAVANA, Sunday, Feb. 28.

The following are the closing commercial quotations for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 27: SUGAR flat and declining; buyers generally holding back; the market opened firm, but fell at the close; Nos. 10 to 12 Dutch Standard declined to 9¾@10¼ reals, and Nos. 14 to 20 fell to 10¾@11¼ reals. It is anticipated that advices from Europe will lead to a further decline; stock of SUGAR in the warehouses of Havana and Matanzas, 197,000 boxes and 12,000 hhds. MOLASSES SYRUPS, however, are heavy and; fair to good Refining, 2¾@3 reals; Grocery grades are firm at 3¼@3½ reals. MOLASSES, Muscovado, 6¾@7 reals. Distilling Muscovado or common, 6¾ reals. LARD buoyant at 11¼c. 6¾c. in tierces, and 12¼c. 6¾c. in tins. FLOUR active at $11@$12. TALLOW flat at 9c. ⅌ lb. BACON active; cured 7½c. ⅌ lb. HONEY buoyant at 4 reals ⅌ gallon. WAX dull and heavy. PETROLEUM buoyant at 4¼@4½ reals ⅌ gallon. POTATOES quiet at 2 reals ⅌ lb. RICE advancing; Salt Mo., Sugar-cured, 12c. ⅌ lb. LUMBER dull and nominal; supplied: Yellow Pine, $37; White Pine, $40@$70; $17 ⅌ 1,000 feet. SHOOKS—Box, 5 reals. EMPTY HOGSHEADS, $11 at 16 @ 17½. HOOPS—Market supplied: Long, 6c.; Short, 6c. NAVAL STORES steady. FREIGHTS advancing; vessels in demand for the United States; Sugar to Southern ports ⅌ hhd, 60; ⅌ box to Northern and Southern ports, 2½; Molasses ⅌ hhd. to Northern ports, 60 @; and to Southern ports, 50 @. EXCHANGE nominal.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Feb. 27.

EXCHANGE on New-York firm at 1-16 ⅌ cent. premium. FLOUR dull, almost nominal. WHEAT—No. 1 quiet, fresh receipts, $1.